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OBSERVATIONS

(Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006, DSS had 23,647 open cases (1,850 adoption cases and 21,797 clinical cases). A total of 75,913 consumers (35,253 adults and 40,660 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 2,996 in the Boston Region to 5,055 in the Southeastern Region. **(Table 1)**
- The increases in consumers (6%) and cases (5%) from the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006 are partly attributable to the use of enhanced selection criteria. These programming changes were made to address data quality issues and to improve the accuracy of the resulting statistics. Total consumers now include all individuals with an active case status who had an assessment for services or a service plan goal on the last day of the quarter. These selection criteria exclude consumers not in placement who have an active case status that is pending the outcome of an investigation.
- The 6% increase in the statewide consumer population is also attributable to seasonal variation. The typical pattern is a drop in consumers in the summer quarter (Q1) followed by a rise in consumers during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). These quarterly fluctuations are related to the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations throughout the year. **(Figs. 1 and 2 on page 5, Figs. 20 and 21 on page 51)**

Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,758 individuals in placement on the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006. Included in this count are 9,451 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,307 young adults (18 to 23 years old). **(Table 1)**
- The placement population was distributed across DSS service regions as follows: 22% in the Western Region, 21% in the Southeastern Region, 17% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Metro Region, 12% in the Central Region, and 11% in the Boston Region. **(Table 1)**
- Statewide, 23% (or 9,451) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases (and assessment for services/service plan goal) were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 27% in the West, 23% in both the Southeast and Metro, 22% in the Northeast, and 20% in both Central and Boston. **(Table 2)**

- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Holyoke, Fall River, and Springfield Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the North Central, Lawrence, Malden, and Harbor Area Offices. (**Table 2**)
- From the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006, the most significant regional changes in children in placement occurred in the Metro (8%) and Southeastern Regions (5%). (**Fig. 3**)

Children Not in Placement

- From the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006, counts of children not in placement increased in all regions (3% to 17%). A distinct rise in non-placement children (and to a lesser degree, placement children) is a typical occurrence when going from the end of summer vacation (1st Quarter) to the end of December (2nd Quarter) (**Fig. 4**).

Age, Sex, Race, and Preferred Language of Consumers

- On the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006, the consumer population included 40,660 (54%) children less than 18 years old and 35,253 (46%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-three percent of all consumers were identified as female, 46% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Forty percent (16,450) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Table 1, Fig. 5**)
- The number of female children in the DSS caseload was approximately equal to the number of male children. In contrast, the ratio of female to male adults was 1.5:1. (**Fig. 5**)
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 56% White, 16% Black, 2% Asian, and less than 1% Native American consumers. Race was unspecified for 23% of the consumers. (**Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B**)
- Of the total consumer population, 22% (17,008 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions of Hispanic consumers were in the Northeast, West, and Boston. (**Table 3B, Figs. 6C and 6D**)
- The Boston Region's caseload was comprised of 48% Black and 22% White consumers (4,444 and 2,098 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast-- 7% of the caseload (937 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (**Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B**)

- The Northeastern, Boston, and Western Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 8% (1,108 consumers), 8% (744), and 7% (1,073), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 401 DSS consumers (1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro and Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Vietnamese (Central and Boston), and Lao (Northeast). (**Table 4**)
- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DSS to children residing in Massachusetts is displayed in the following table. Black children are over-represented at all stages in the DSS system—especially among children with a service plan goal of guardianship. Hispanic children are also over-represented in all forms of DSS care. However, the actual extent of racial and ethnic disproportionality is not known given the number of children whose race and/or ethnicity has not been recorded.

Children Less than 18 Years Old

Race	State Census ¹ 2000	DSS Not in Care 12/31/05	DSS All Substitute Care 12/31/05	DSS Foster Care 12/31/05	DSS Residential Care 12/31/05	DSS All Care w/Goal of Adoption 12/31/05	DSS All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 12/31/05	DSS Adoptions Legalized FY'2005	DSS Guardian- ships Legalized FY'2005
White	79%	57%	60%	60%	63%	61%	55%	61%	67%
Black	7%	17%	19%	18%	21%	16%	24%	17%	17%
Asian	4%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%	----
Multi- Racial	4%	3%	4%	5%	3%	6%	3%	6%	5%
Other/ Unknown	6%	20%	15%	15%	12%	16%	15%	15%	9%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL#	1,500,064	31,209	9,451	6,924	2,014	2,560	474	868	551
Hispanic Origin ²	11%	27%	25%	26%	22%	28%	20%	23%	29%

¹ Kids Count census data online, *Race of Children by Age Group in the 2000 Census*, analysis of data from U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census Summary File 1 (Table P12A-P12G)

² Children of any race who are Hispanic.

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

Case Counts:	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	389	224	265	238	371	186	176	1	1,850
Clinical	3,999	3,031	3,835	3,363	4,684	2,810	6	69	21,797
Total	4,388	3,255	4,100	3,601	5,055	2,996	182	70	23,647
Consumer Counts:									
Adults: ⁽³⁾									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Residential Care ⁽⁵⁾	195	117	267	203	247	209	---	30	1,268
Other ⁽⁶⁾	5	8	7	6	4	8	---	1	39
Total in Placement	200	125	274	209	251	217	---	31	1,307
Not in Placement	6,273	4,940	5,795	5,247	7,653	4,011	---	27	33,946
Total Adults	6,473	5,065	6,069	5,456	7,904	4,228	---	58	35,253
Children:									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Residential Care ⁽⁵⁾	2,022	1,132	1,483	1,228	1,877	901	268	27	8,938
Other ⁽⁶⁾	44	41	53	35	47	46	1	1	268
On the Run	75	16	31	21	49	53	---	---	245
Total in Placement	2,141	1,189	1,567	1,284	1,973	1,000	269	28	9,451
Not in Placement	5,781	4,813	5,619	4,407	6,429	4,111	28	21	31,209
Total Children	7,922	6,002	7,186	5,691	8,402	5,111	297	49	40,660
Total	14,395	11,067	13,255	11,147	16,306	9,339	297	107	75,913

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽⁴⁾ Children and young adults in the care/custody of DSS. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DSS until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes non-referral locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER)

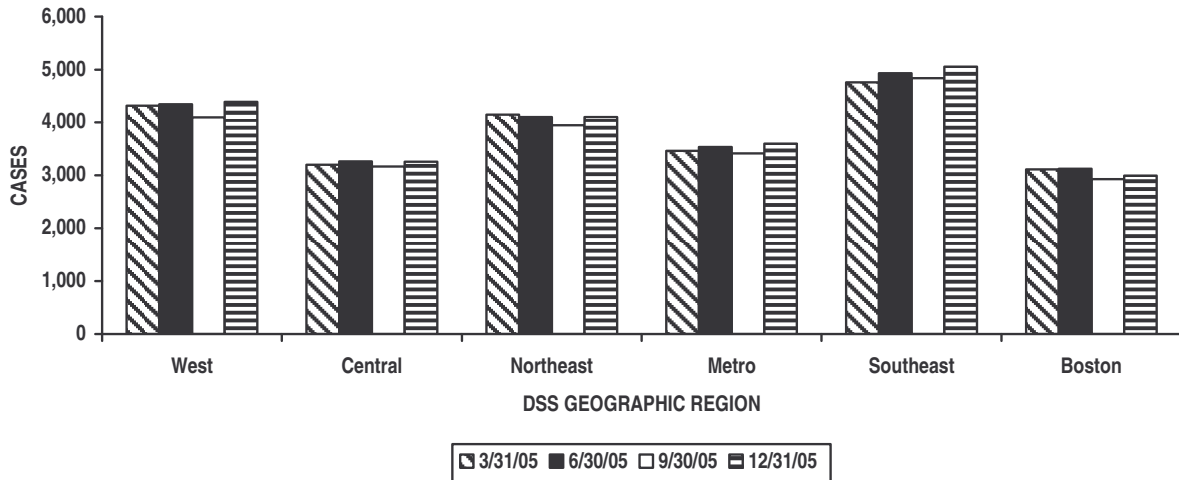


FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER)

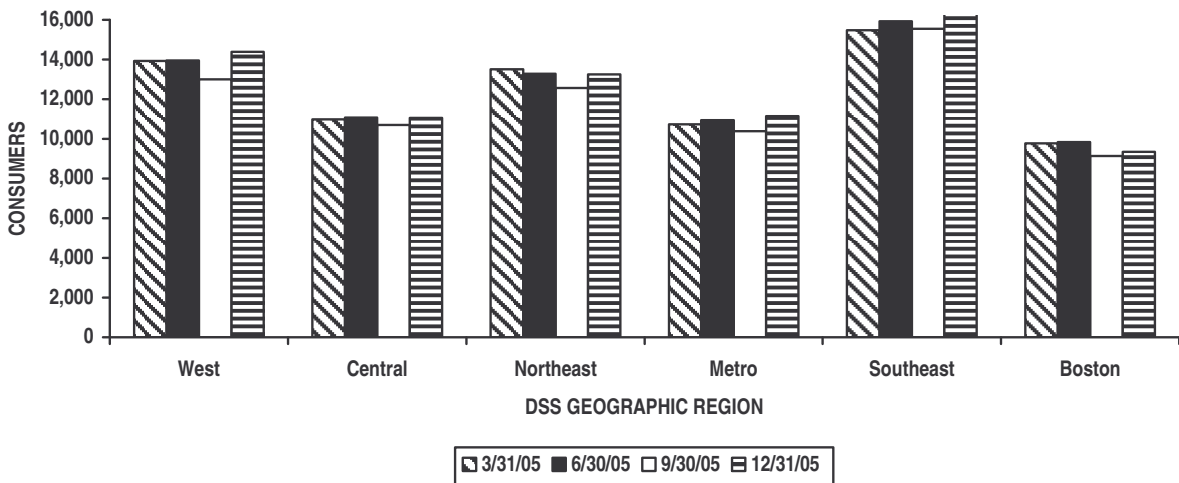


TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DSS AREA OFFICE: FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

DSS Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Pittsfield	839	379	1,218	31%
Greenfield	880	329	1,209	27%
Holyoke	1,226	517	1,743	30%
Robert Van Wart	1,481	381	1,862	20%
Springfield	1,349	532	1,881	28%
Contracted Agencies	6	3	9	33%
Western	5,781	2,141	7,922	27%
North Central	1,553	335	1,888	18%
South Central	1,051	298	1,349	22%
Worcester	2,200	556	2,756	20%
Contracted Agencies	9	---	9	---
Central	4,813	1,189	6,002	20%
Lowell	1,250	420	1,670	25%
Lawrence	1,508	321	1,829	18%
Cape Ann	1,002	278	1,280	22%
Haverhill	871	223	1,094	20%
Lynn	982	323	1,305	25%
Contracted Agencies	6	2	8	25%
Northeast	5,619	1,567	7,186	22%
Malden	1,154	248	1,402	18%
Framingham	771	240	1,011	24%
Cambridge	699	224	923	24%
Arlington	893	246	1,139	22%
Coastal	869	320	1,189	27%
Contracted Agencies	21	6	27	22%
Metro	4,407	1,284	5,691	23%
Attleboro	805	244	1,049	23%
Brockton	1,241	336	1,577	21%
New Bedford	1,584	451	2,035	22%
Fall River	1,064	465	1,529	30%
Cape Cod	889	261	1,150	23%
Plymouth	836	212	1,048	20%
Contracted Agencies	10	4	14	29%
Southeast	6,429	1,973	8,402	23%
Hyde Park	872	219	1,091	20%
Dimock Street	945	257	1,202	21%
Park Street	1,241	292	1,533	19%
Harbor	1,053	230	1,283	18%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	2	100%
Boston	4,111	1,000	5,111	20%
Adoption Contracts	28	269	297	91%
Other⁽²⁾	21	28	49	57%
Total	31,209	9,451	40,660	23%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER)

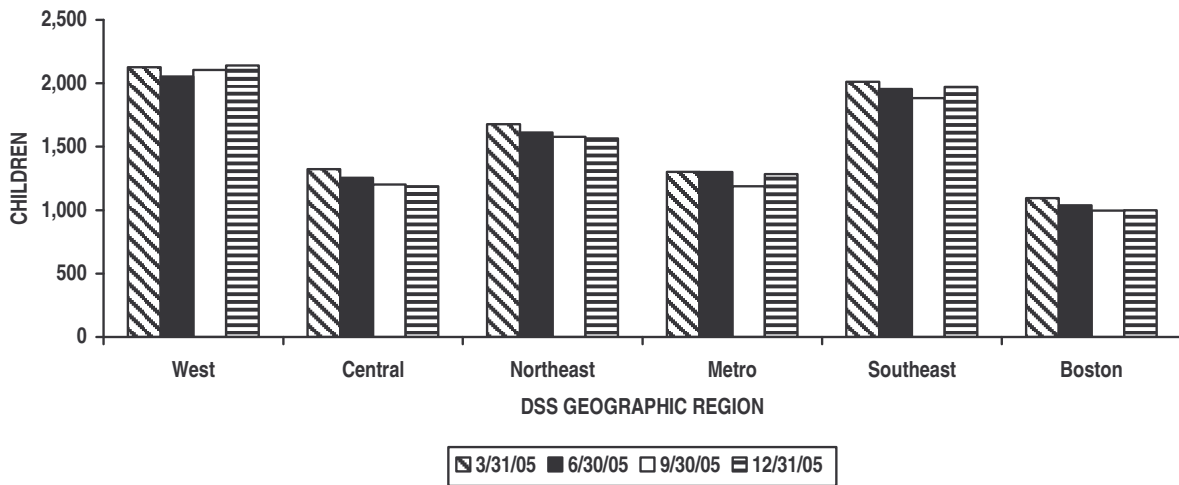
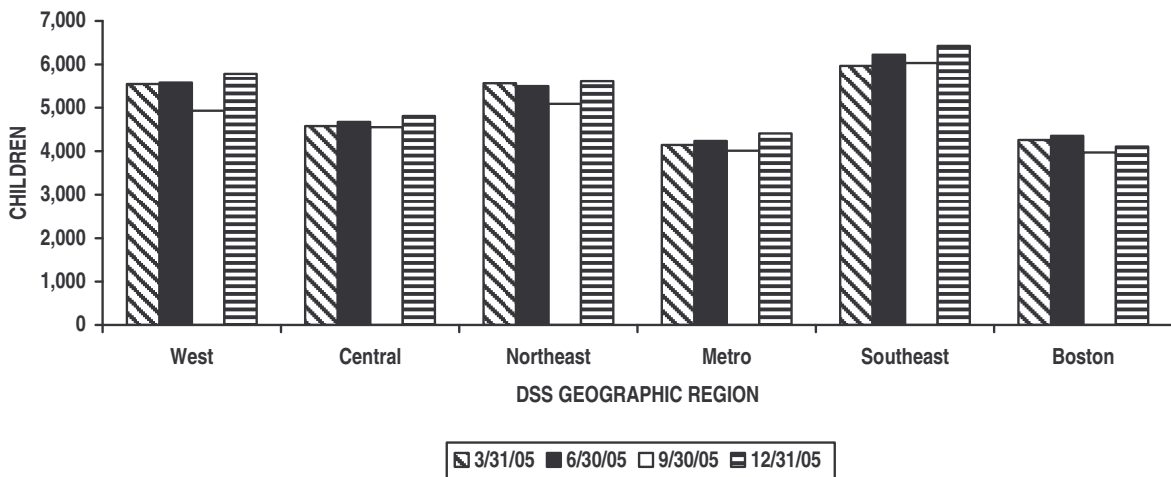
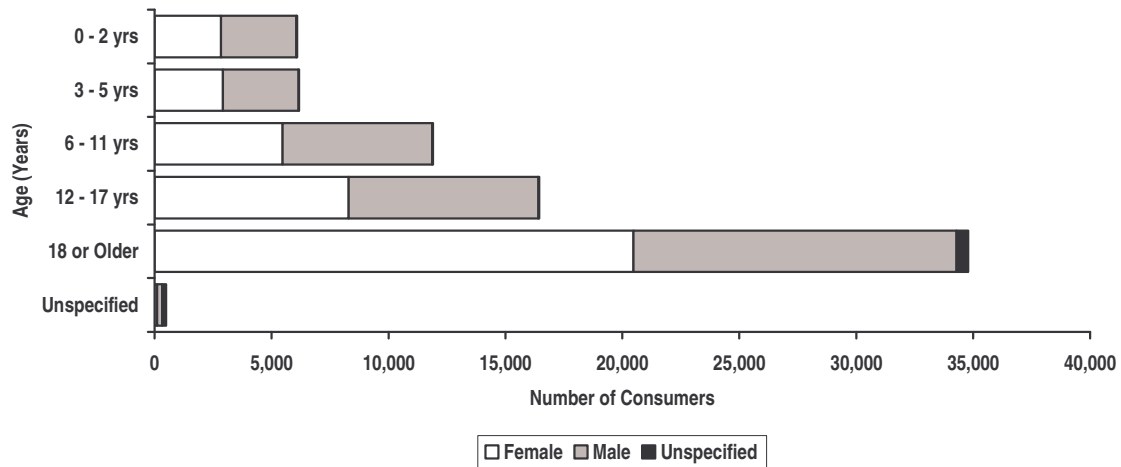


FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER)



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	2,837	3,221	40	6,098
3 - 5	2,917	3,240	21	6,178
6 - 11	5,477	6,390	40	11,907
12 - 17	8,295	8,119	36	16,450
18 or older	20,479	13,805	502	34,786
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	109	218	167	494
Total	40,114	34,993	806	75,913

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 467 adults and 27 children whose ages were unknown and 806 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

Race	DSS Geographic Region														Adoption		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾					Other ⁽²⁾
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		No.
White	8,439	59%	7,109	64%	7,432	56%	7,024	63%	10,502	64%	2,098	22%	153	52%	37	35%	42,794	56%
Black	1,651	11%	972	9%	957	7%	1,765	16%	2,228	14%	4,444	48%	65	22%	53	50%	12,135	16%
Asian	52	*	126	1%	937	7%	210	2%	155	1%	196	2%	3	1%	3	3%	1,682	2%
Native American	21	*	16	*	18	*	13	*	49	*	14	*	1	*	---	---	132	*
Other ⁽³⁾	11	*	1	*	8	*	2	*	9	*	6	*	1	*	---	---	38	*
Multi-Racial	332	2%	232	2%	293	2%	219	2%	358	2%	157	2%	25	8%	2	2%	1,618	2%
Unspecified	3,889	27%	2,611	24%	3,610	27%	1,914	17%	3,005	18%	2,424	26%	49	16%	12	11%	17,514	23%
Total	14,395	100%	11,067	100%	13,255	100%	11,147	100%	16,306	100%	9,339	100%	297	100%	107	100%	75,913	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

Origin	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽²⁾		Other ⁽³⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	4,350	30%	2,576	23%	4,088	31%	1,525	14%	1,682	10%	2,678	29%	95	32%	14	13%	17,008	22%
Not Hispanic/Latino	7,386	51%	6,739	61%	7,377	56%	7,200	65%	11,139	68%	5,286	57%	188	63%	77	72%	45,392	60%
Unspecified	2,659	18%	1,752	16%	1,790	14%	2,422	22%	3,485	21%	1,375	15%	14	5%	16	15%	13,513	18%
Total	14,395	100%	11,067	100%	13,255	100%	11,147	100%	16,306	100%	9,339	100%	297	100%	107	100%	75,913	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'06, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

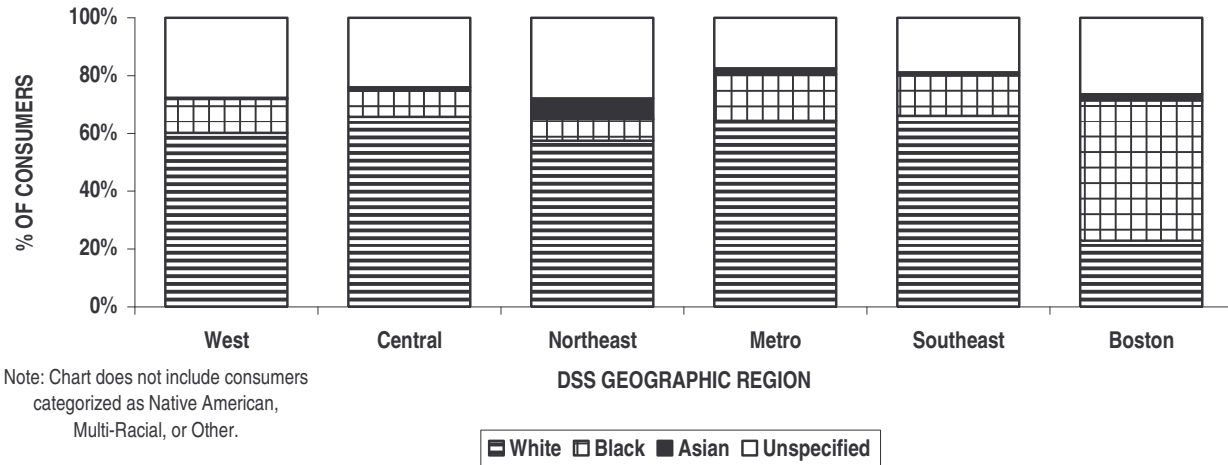


FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'06, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

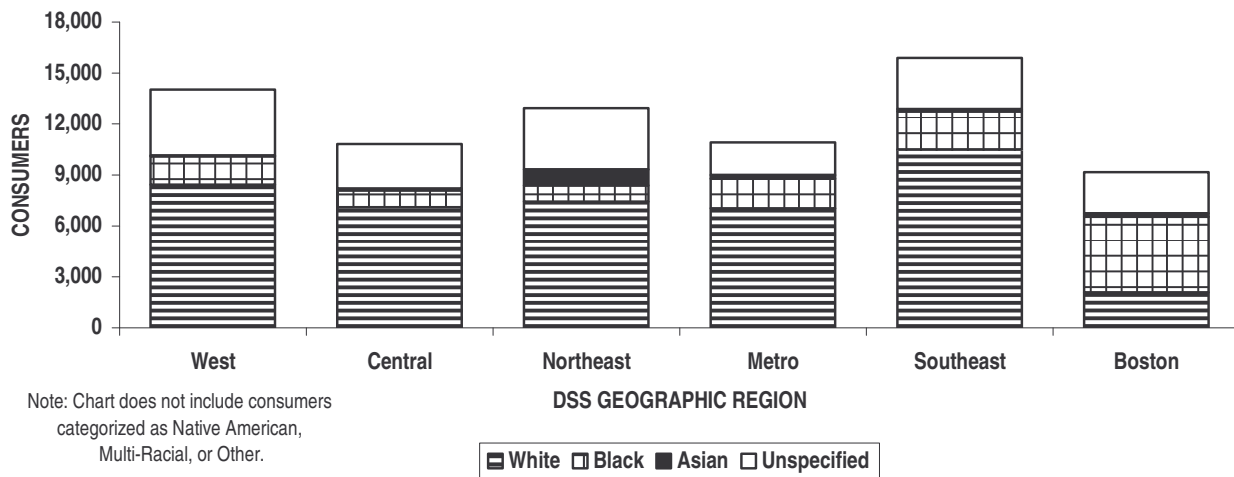


FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'06, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

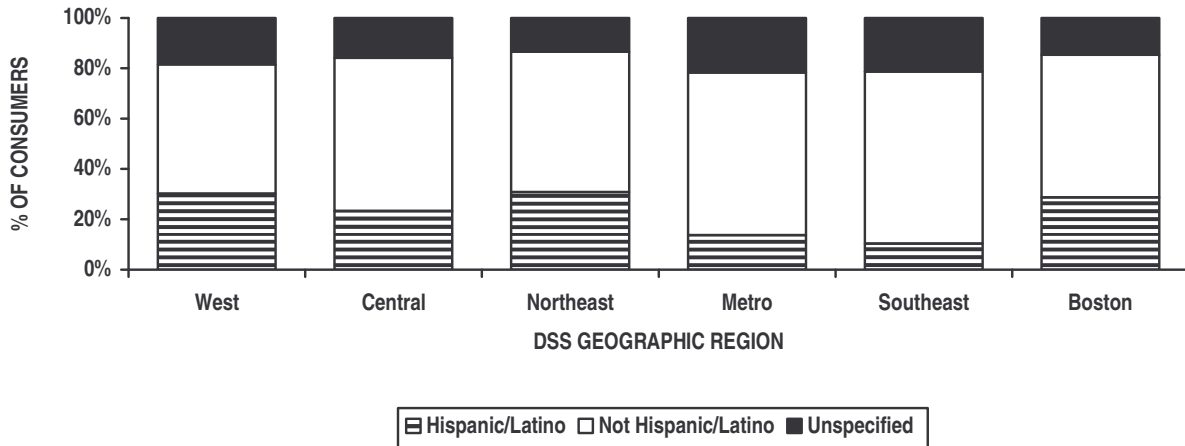


FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'06, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

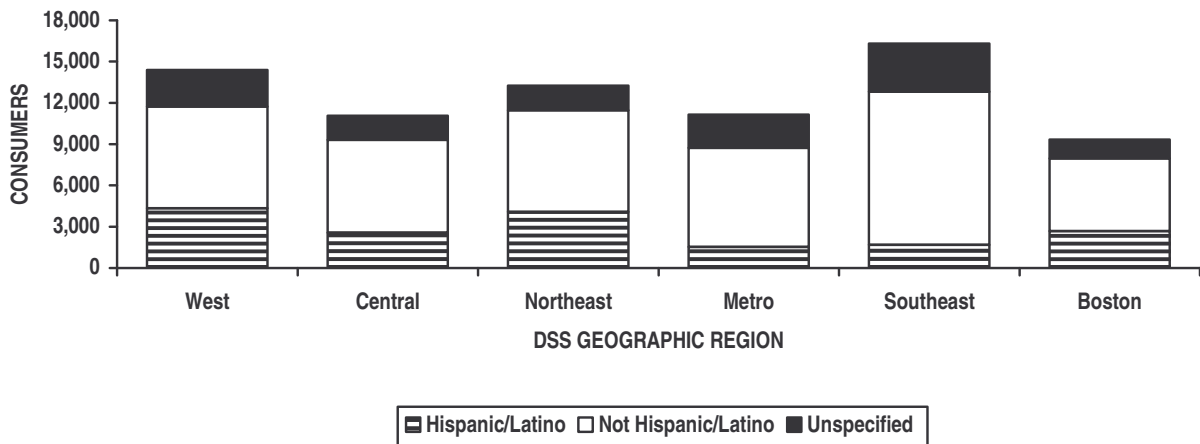


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

Primary Language	DSS Geographic Region																Total	
	Adoption																	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Spanish	1,073	7%	526	5%	1,108	8%	393	4%	297	2%	744	8%	22	7%	5	5%	4,168	5%
Khmer (Cambodian)	2	*	2	*	323	2%	1	*	66	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	401	1%
Portuguese	4	*	16	*	44	*	86	1%	104	1%	33	*	---	---	---	---	287	*
Haitian Creole	2	*	4	*	6	*	127	1%	44	*	69	1%	---	---	---	---	252	*
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	---	---	1	*	5	*	98	1%	40	*	---	---	---	---	144	*
Vietnamese	7	*	41	*	28	*	26	*	2	*	40	*	---	---	---	---	144	*
Chinese	1	*	1	*	---	---	24	*	4	*	16	*	---	---	3	3%	49	*
Lao	---	---	6	*	16	*	---	---	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	24	*
American Sign Lang.	4	*	3	*	7	*	5	*	7	*	5	*	---	---	---	---	31	*
Other	404	3%	261	2%	211	2%	224	2%	407	2%	194	2%	2	1%	28	26%	1,731	2%
English\Unspeciified	12,898	90%	10,207	92%	11,511	87%	10,256	92%	15,277	94%	8,189	88%	273	92%	71	66%	68,682	90%
Total	14,395	100%	11,067	100%	13,255	100%	11,147	100%	16,306	100%	9,339	100%	297	100%	107	100%	75,913	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

Profile of Consumers in Placement³

Foster and Residential Care

- There were 7,868 consumers in foster care and 2,338 consumers in residential care on the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in residential care was greatest in the Metro, Southeastern, and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 5A)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (35-40% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 743, 575, and 506, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in residential care, ranging from 69% to 77% across the regions. The Metro, Southeastern, and Northeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in residential care, 379, 360, and 318, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations⁴ were primarily adolescents (72-85% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 1,874 consumers in “Contracted” foster care and 5,994 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Contracted foster care was primarily therapeutic (94% of the consumers). Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (38%), kinship (33%), child specific (13%), pre-adoptive (7%), and independent living (9%). **(Table 5B)**
- Regionally, the West had the largest number of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. Consumers in kinship care were highest in the Southeast. The Northeast had the most consumers in independent living. **(Fig. 7B, Table 5B)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. The Southeast had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in Metro and Boston. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in Boston and the Northeast as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**

³ Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

⁴ “Other” includes non-referral locations like hospitals and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

- The major residential programs were residential treatment (1,253 consumers) and group homes (983 consumers). (**Table 5C**)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of residential care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western and Boston Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential treatment was most significant in the Northeast. Shelter children were more prevalent in the Southeast. (**Fig. 8A**)
- Metro and Boston had the largest number of clients in group homes. The Northeastern and Metro Regions had the most consumers in residential treatment. The Southeast had the most children in shelters. (**Fig. 8B**)
- Consumers in residential treatment were mostly situated in Chapter 766 facilities⁵ while the leading group home model was Regular.⁶ (**Table 5C**)
- Over the past two quarters, there has been a minor increase (1-2%) in the foster care population (**Fig. 9**). In contrast, the residential care population has experienced a sudden increase (10%) after three quarters of declining numbers. (**Fig. 10**).

All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006, the statewide placement population was comprised of 51% boys and 49% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- Statewide, 60% of all consumers in placement were White, 20% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 4% were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 14% of the placement population. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 6A**)
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,636 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)

⁵ Chapter 766 includes facilities geared toward children/adolescents who require special needs educational services on-site. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education.

⁶ Regular is comprised of programs that provide services in home-like settings with typically 8 to 12 children/adolescents in residence.

- Race was unspecified for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Western and Northeastern Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who do not self-identify with any of the racial categories. **(Table 6A)**
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DSS Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 46% in both the Southeast and West to 52% in Boston. **(Table 6B)**
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 125 in the Central Region to 274 in the Northeastern Region. **(Table 6B)**
- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were “Family Reunification” (30% of all consumers in placement) and “Adoption” (24%). Regionally, the Southeast had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number and proportion of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- Statewide, 41% of the placement population had been in continuous care⁷ for more than 2 years, 21% between 1 and 2 years, and 38% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- The Northeastern, Boston, and Western Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in continuous⁸ care for more than two years (45%, 43%, and 42%, respectively). Metro, Southeast, and Central had the highest proportions of consumers in care for one year or less (41%, 40%, and 39%, respectively). The Southeast and West had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (888 and 873, respectively). The West had the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (989). **(Table 6B)**
- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of minority consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to White consumers (48% Asian, 44% Black, 44% Hispanic vs. 41% White). **(Tables 7A and 7B)**

⁷ Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts and many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

⁸ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (December 31, 2005).

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006 ("snapshot" on 12/31/05), the median time in continuous care was 1.3 years and median⁹ age was 12.7 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. Over the past 14 years, the median age of children in care has slowly increased while the median time in placement has been fairly stable (See table below).

All Children in Placement ¹⁰			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98*	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99*	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00*	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01*	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04	12.3	1.5	9,829
6/05	12.6	1.4	9,474
9/05	12.3	1.3	9,220
12/05	12.7	1.3	9,451

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,563 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,566 (61%) were White, 422 (16%) were Black, 20 (1%) were Asian, and 144 (6%) were multi-racial. Race was unspecified for 16%. Twenty-eight percent (711) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (**Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A**)
- The age distribution of 2,563 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 23% age 0-2 years, 24% age 3-5 years, 38% age 6-11 years, and 14% age 12-17 years. (**Table 8C, Fig. 12A**)
- Fifty-two percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 48% were female. (**Fig. 12A**)

⁹ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

¹⁰ Children are less than 18 years old.

- Fifty-three percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D, Fig. 12A)**
- Forty-five percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D)**
- There has been a decline in the number of children¹¹ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In general, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 1994, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has dropped to 27-28%. (See table below)

Date	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
1/98	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872*	NA	NA
6/99	10,134*	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676*	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955*	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864*	28%
6/04	9,829	2,761*	28%
6/05	9,474	2,569	27%
9/05	9,220	2,597	28%
12/05	9,451	2,560	27%

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

* = revised statistics

- Of the 2,563 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 41% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-five percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. **(Fig. 12B)**

¹¹ Children are less than 18 years old.

- The age distribution for consumers legally free for adoption was similar to the age group distribution for all consumers with a goal of adoption (See below and Fig. 12A). However, there does appear to be a slight tendency for older children to be freed. A bias toward older children may be a reflection of the time required to terminate parental rights – the more time it takes to free a child, the older the child is when freed.

Age Group (years)	Children Legally Free for Adoption		All Children with a Goal of Adoption	
	No.	%	No.	%
0 – 2	218	21%	593	23%
3 – 5	228	22%	616	24%
6 – 11	411	39%	984	38%
12 – 17	188	18%	367	14%
Total	1,045	100%	2,560	100%

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. Children 18 years or older are all free for adoption.

- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (59%), 65% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 12B**).
- The Southeastern Region had the highest proportion (55%) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The Western and Metro Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family, 87% and 76%, respectively. (**Figs. 12C and 12D**)

TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

		Placement Location of Consumers						
DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care		Residential Care		Other ⁽²⁾		Total No.
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western		1,928		289		124		2,341
	(0-2yrs)	302	16%	1	*	2	2%	305
	(3-5yrs)	272	14%	5	2%	---	---	277
	(6-11yrs)	443	23%	34	12%	12	10%	489
	(12-17yrs)	743	39%	222	77%	105	85%	1,070
	18 or older	168	9%	27	9%	5	4%	200
Central		981		268		65		1,314
	(0-2yrs)	155	16%	---	---	1	2%	156
	(3-5yrs)	143	15%	2	1%	---	---	145
	(6-11yrs)	228	23%	34	13%	9	14%	271
	(12-17yrs)	368	38%	202	75%	47	72%	617
	18 or older	87	9%	30	11%	8	12%	125
Northeast		1,292		458		91		1,841
	(0-2yrs)	168	13%	---	---	3	3%	171
	(3-5yrs)	132	10%	3	1%	---	---	135
	(6-11yrs)	293	23%	63	14%	5	5%	361
	(12-17yrs)	506	39%	318	69%	76	84%	900
	18 or older	193	15%	74	16%	7	8%	274
Metro		930		501		62		1,493
	(0-2yrs)	152	16%	---	---	2	3%	154
	(3-5yrs)	126	14%	4	1%	---	0%	130
	(6-11yrs)	185	20%	49	10%	3	5%	237
	(12-17yrs)	333	36%	379	76%	51	82%	763
	18 or older	134	14%	69	14%	6	10%	209
Southeast		1,651		473		100		2,224
	(0-2yrs)	299	18%	1	0%	---	---	300
	(3-5yrs)	238	14%	4	1%	3	3%	245
	(6-11yrs)	345	21%	55	12%	8	8%	408
	(12-17yrs)	575	35%	360	76%	85	85%	1,020
	18 or older	194	12%	53	11%	4	4%	251
Boston		768		342		107		1,217
	(0-2yrs)	115	15%	---	---	1	1%	116
	(3-5yrs)	77	10%	4	1%	---	---	81
	(6-11yrs)	127	17%	32	9%	8	7%	167
	(12-17yrs)	311	40%	235	69%	90	84%	636
	18 or older	138	18%	71	21%	8	7%	217
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		267		1		1		269
	(0-2yrs)	37	14%	---	---	---	---	37
	(3-5yrs)	68	25%	---	---	---	---	68
	(6-11yrs)	109	41%	1	100%	1	100%	111
	(12-17yrs)	53	20%	---	---	---	---	53
Other ⁽⁴⁾		51		6		2		59
	(6-11yrs)	4	8%	2	33%	---	---	6
	(12-17yrs)	17	33%	4	67%	1	50%	22
	18 or older	30	59%	---	---	1	50%	31
Total		7,868		2,338		552		10,758

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).⁽²⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

		Foster Care													Foster Care Total
DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Contracted Foster Care							Departmental Foster Care						
		Diagnostic	Emergency Shelter	Enhanced Therapeutic	Family Residence	Independent Living	Other	Therapeutic	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted		
Western		6	19	3	10	11	---	414	196	90	396	149	634	1,928	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	1	---	---	5	18	---	76	59	142	302	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	10	23	---	85	40	113	272	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	3	1	---	---	---	94	51	---	116	42	135	443	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	5	14	2	9	---	---	269	91	7	105	7	234	743	
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	11	---	36	13	83	14	1	10	168	
Central		---	4	---	---	---	1	219	94	40	265	66	292	981	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	4	7	---	50	28	66	155	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	8	8	---	55	18	54	143	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	38	28	---	72	14	76	228	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	4	---	---	---	---	150	45	---	82	6	81	368	
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	1	19	6	40	6	---	15	87	
Northeast		1	4	---	11	---	11	353	115	130	325	27	315	1,292	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	21	10	---	52	8	76	168	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	---	17	11	---	46	4	53	132	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	71	35	---	121	13	52	293	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	3	---	8	---	7	214	51	3	102	2	116	506	
	18 or older	---	---	---	2	---	4	30	8	127	4	---	18	193	
Metro		---	5	3	6	2	---	205	108	72	257	49	223	930	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	12	8	---	58	15	58	152	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	15	13	---	49	16	32	126	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	1	2	1	---	---	37	22	---	71	14	37	185	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	2	1	4	1	---	122	51	1	70	4	77	333	
	18 or older	---	---	---	1	1	---	19	14	71	9	---	19	134	
Southeast		---	5	---	4	---	---	315	144	117	502	59	505	1,651	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	15	---	93	27	158	299	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	16	20	---	89	21	91	238	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	51	31	---	143	9	110	345	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	3	---	4	---	---	208	59	4	164	2	131	575	
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	---	34	19	113	13	---	15	194	
Boston		---	10	1	1	---	---	188	82	87	170	27	202	768	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	6	13	---	37	13	45	115	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	11	11	---	29	6	20	77	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	2	1	1	---	---	41	15	---	40	5	22	127	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	6	---	---	---	---	117	35	1	56	3	93	311	
	18 or older	---	1	---	---	---	---	13	8	86	8	---	22	138	
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		---	---	---	---	---	---	60	32	---	51	66	58	267	
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	6	---	12	8	9	37	
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	10	9	---	18	15	16	68	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	27	9	---	19	30	24	109	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	21	8	---	2	13	9	53	
Other ⁽³⁾		---	---	---	---	---	---	2	3	19	3	0	24	51	
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---	---	2	4	
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	1	---	2	---	12	17	
	18 or older	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	19	1	---	10	30	
Total		7	47	7	32	13	12	1,756	774	555	1,969	443	2,253	7,868	

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Residential Care											Residential Care Total
		Group Home						Residential Treatment				Shelter	
		Bridge Home	Independent Living	Other ⁽²⁾	Regular	Teen Pregnancy/ Parenting	Transitional Living	Ch. 766	Diagnostic	Non-766	Other ⁽²⁾		
Western		22	7	4	135	3	---	87	4	1	9	17	289
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	5	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5
	(6 - 11 yrs)	5	---	---	6	---	---	22	1	---	---	---	34
	(12 - 17 yrs)	11	3	2	118	3	---	55	3	1	9	17	222
	18 or older	---	4	2	11	---	---	10	---	---	---	---	27
Central		16	4	---	91	2	---	117	11	8	11	8	268
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
	(6 - 11 yrs)	8	---	---	4	---	---	17	---	---	5	---	34
	(12 - 17 yrs)	7	2	---	72	1	---	89	11	8	4	8	202
	18 or older	---	2	---	14	1	---	11	---	---	2	---	30
Northeast		8	43	---	106	1	---	233	43	1	23	---	458
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	1	---	3
	(6 - 11 yrs)	4	---	---	6	---	---	44	3	---	6	---	63
	(12 - 17 yrs)	3	13	---	88	1	---	159	39	1	14	---	318
	18 or older	---	30	---	12	---	---	30	---	---	2	---	74
Metro		16	50	1	114	2	4	207	52	11	24	20	501
	(3 - 5 yrs)	4	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	4
	(6 - 11 yrs)	5	---	---	6	---	---	30	6	---	2	---	49
	(12 - 17 yrs)	7	16	---	96	2	2	159	46	11	20	20	379
	18 or older	---	34	1	12	---	2	18	---	---	2	---	69
Southeast		15	18	2	127	8	---	214	29	3	13	44	473
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	2	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	---	4
	(6 - 11 yrs)	8	---	---	14	---	---	28	3	---	2	---	55
	(12 - 17 yrs)	5	5	1	104	6	---	162	24	2	7	44	360
	18 or older	---	13	1	8	2	---	23	1	1	4	---	53
Boston		20	38	1	110	12	---	134	6	---	8	13	342
	(3 - 5 yrs)	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	4
	(6 - 11 yrs)	8	---	---	10	---	---	14	---	---	---	---	32
	(12 - 17 yrs)	9	8	---	89	10	---	100	5	---	2	12	235
	18 or older	---	30	1	11	2	---	20	1	---	5	1	71
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
	(6-11yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
Other ⁽⁴⁾		---	---	---	3	---	---	3	---	---	---	---	6
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	---	2	---	---	2	---	---	---	---	4
Total		97	160	8	686	28	4	996	145	24	88	102	2,338

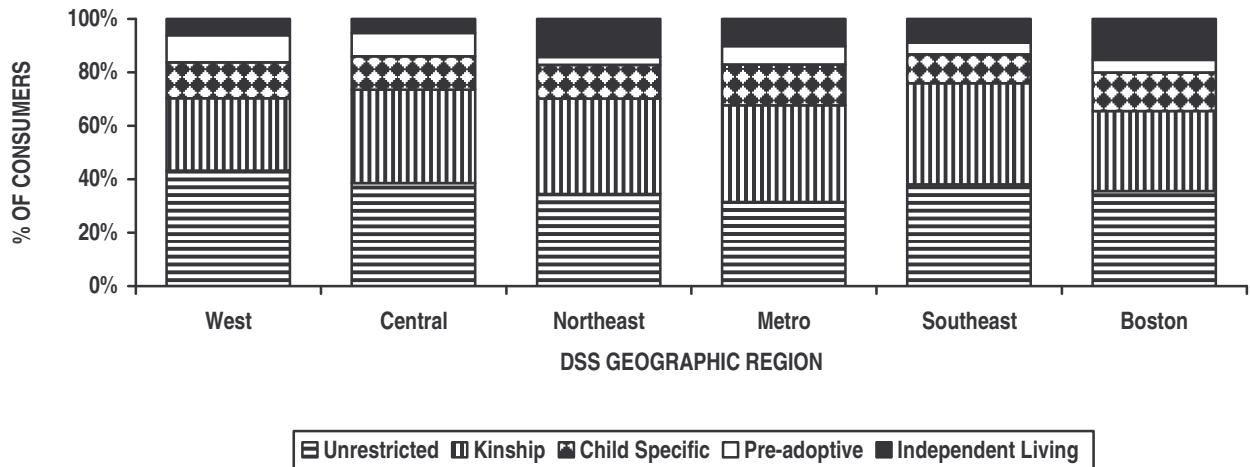
⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

⁽²⁾ Sites/facilities that differ from the other types of group homes or residential treatment facilities.

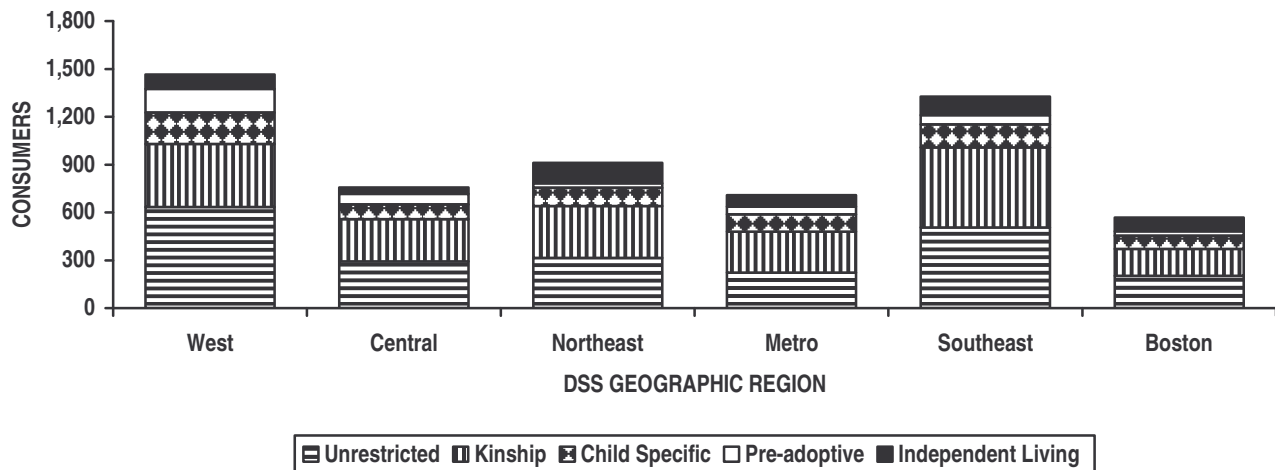
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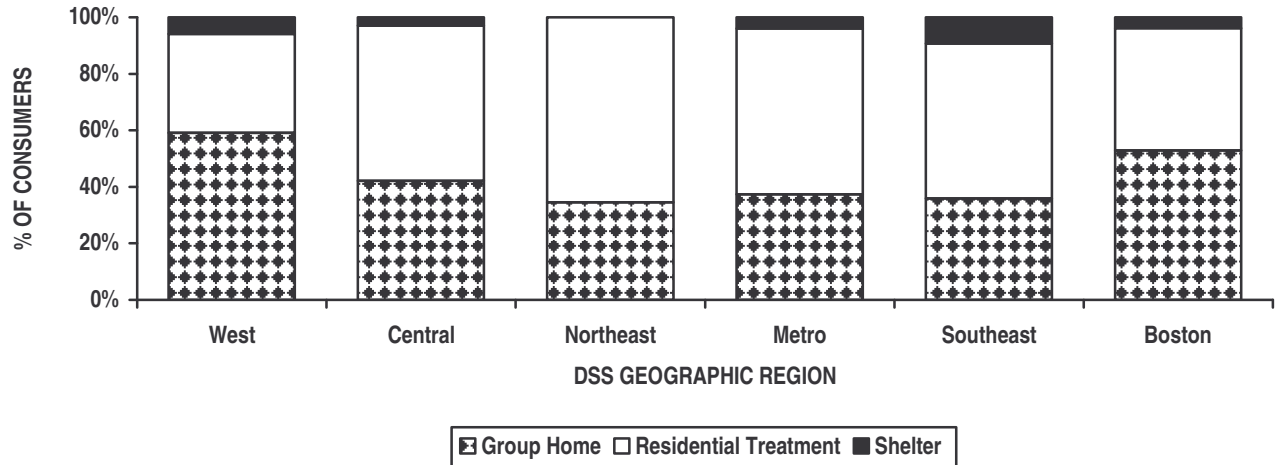
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)**



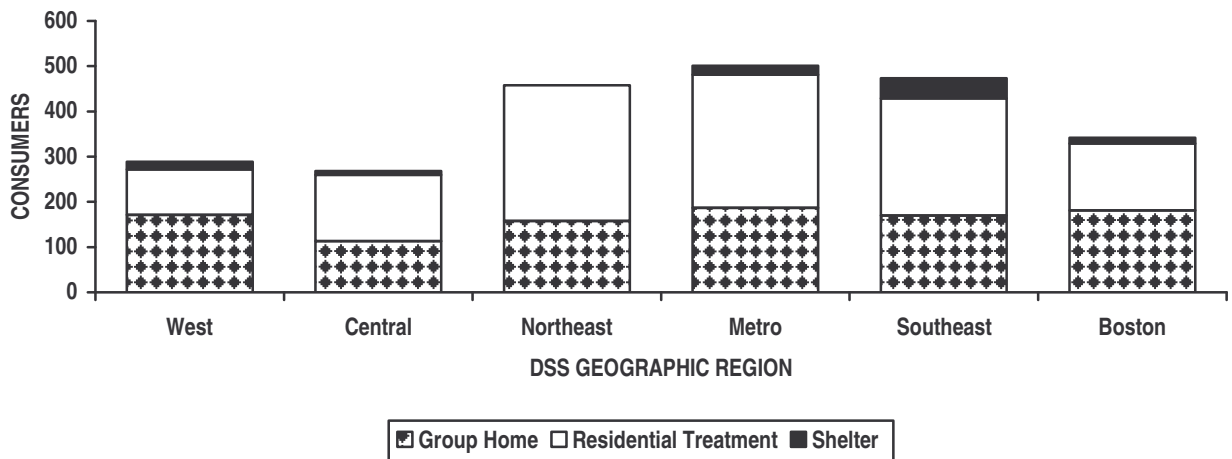
**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
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FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)**



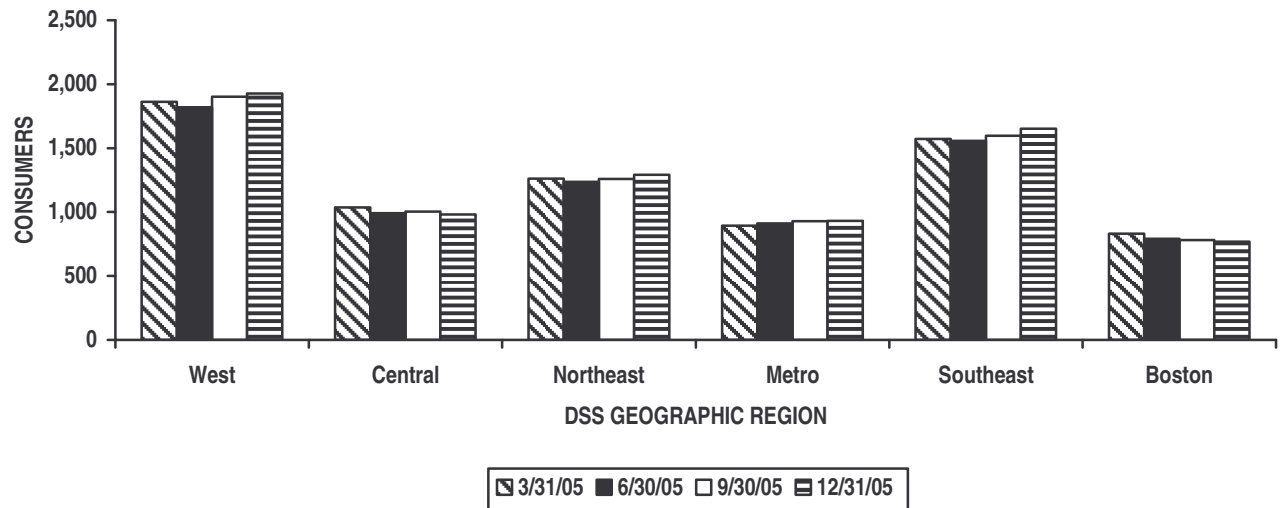
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
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FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)**



**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER)**

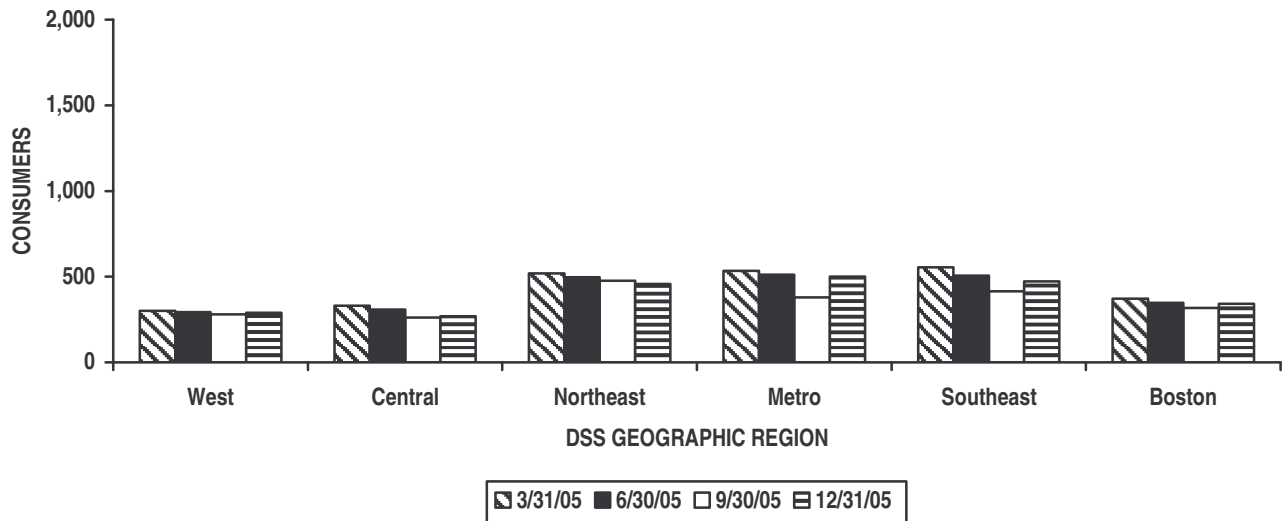


TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex:																		
Female	1,113	48%	655	50%	884	48%	717	48%	1,087	49%	626	51%	137	51%	17	29%	5,236	49%
Male	1,228	52%	659	50%	957	52%	776	52%	1,137	51%	591	49%	132	49%	42	71%	5,522	51%
Total	2,341	100%	1,314	100%	1,841	100%	1,493	100%	2,224	100%	1,217	100%	269	100%	59	100%	10,758	100%
Race:																		
White	1,506	64%	921	70%	1,117	61%	998	67%	1,486	67%	303	25%	137	51%	9	15%	6,477	60%
Black	330	14%	155	12%	199	11%	292	20%	397	18%	673	55%	60	22%	39	66%	2,145	20%
Asian	4	*	9	1%	96	5%	24	2%	16	1%	14	1%	2	1%	3	5%	168	2%
Native American	6	*	3	*	4	*	2	*	13	1%	2	*	1	*	---	---	31	*
Other ⁽³⁾	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Multi-Racial	83	4%	57	4%	75	4%	58	4%	106	5%	36	3%	22	8%	1	2%	438	4%
Unspecified	410	18%	169	13%	350	19%	119	8%	206	9%	189	16%	47	17%	7	12%	1,497	14%
Total	2,341	100%	1,314	100%	1,841	100%	1,493	100%	2,224	100%	1,217	100%	269	100%	59	100%	10,758	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	871	37%	308	23%	568	31%	221	15%	278	13%	296	24%	86	32%	8	14%	2,636	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,337	57%	938	71%	1,209	66%	1,217	82%	1,830	82%	874	72%	170	63%	44	75%	7,619	71%
Unspecified	133	6%	68	5%	64	3%	55	4%	116	5%	47	4%	13	5%	7	12%	503	5%
Total	2,341	100%	1,314	100%	1,841	100%	1,493	100%	2,224	100%	1,217	100%	269	100%	59	100%	10,758	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region														Adoption		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age:																		
(0 - 2 yrs)	305	13%	156	12%	171	9%	154	10%	300	13%	116	10%	37	14%	---	---	1,239	12%
(3 - 5 yrs)	277	12%	145	11%	135	7%	130	9%	245	11%	81	7%	68	25%	---	---	1,081	10%
(6 - 11 yrs)	489	21%	271	21%	361	20%	237	16%	408	18%	167	14%	111	41%	6	10%	2,050	19%
(12 - 17 yrs)	1,070	46%	617	47%	900	49%	763	51%	1,020	46%	636	52%	53	20%	22	37%	5,081	47%
18 or older	200	9%	125	10%	274	15%	209	14%	251	11%	217	18%	---	---	31	53%	1,307	12%
Total	2,341	100%	1,314	100%	1,841	100%	1,493	100%	2,224	100%	1,217	100%	269	100%	59	100%	10,758	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Reunify Family	606	26%	436	33%	584	32%	500	33%	770	35%	328	27%	---	---	8	14%	3,232	30%
Adoption	615	26%	342	26%	367	20%	252	17%	488	22%	238	20%	260	97%	1	2%	2,563	24%
Living Independently	381	16%	187	14%	377	20%	327	22%	409	18%	343	28%	---	---	35	59%	2,059	19%
Long-Term Substitute Care	348	15%	172	13%	316	17%	195	13%	254	11%	133	11%	1	*	7	12%	1,426	13%
Stabilize Intact Family	132	6%	62	5%	71	4%	85	6%	107	5%	46	4%	---	---	1	2%	504	5%
Guardianship	133	6%	70	5%	51	3%	64	4%	100	4%	56	5%	6	2%	---	---	480	4%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	62	3%	29	2%	55	3%	42	3%	79	4%	57	5%	2	1%	---	---	326	3%
Unspecified	64	3%	16	1%	20	1%	28	2%	17	1%	16	1%	---	---	7	12%	168	2%
Total	2,341	100%	1,314	100%	1,841	100%	1,493	100%	2,224	100%	1,217	100%	269	100%	59	100%	10,758	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	524	22%	286	22%	388	21%	373	25%	511	23%	258	21%	5	2%	9	15%	2,354	22%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	349	15%	221	17%	282	15%	245	16%	377	17%	178	15%	13	5%	4	7%	1,669	16%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	271	12%	162	12%	186	10%	196	13%	303	14%	136	11%	37	14%	11	19%	1,302	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	208	9%	129	10%	163	9%	144	10%	215	10%	120	10%	35	13%	5	8%	1,019	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	463	20%	276	21%	384	21%	299	20%	424	19%	258	21%	124	46%	8	14%	2,236	21%
> 4 yrs	526	22%	240	18%	438	24%	236	16%	394	18%	267	22%	55	20%	22	37%	2,178	20%
Total	2,341	100%	1,314	100%	1,841	100%	1,493	100%	2,224	100%	1,217	100%	269	100%	59	100%	10,758	100%

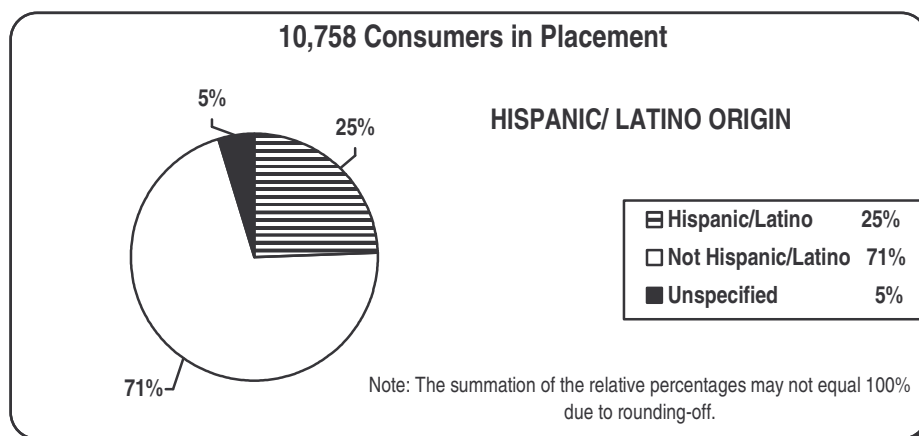
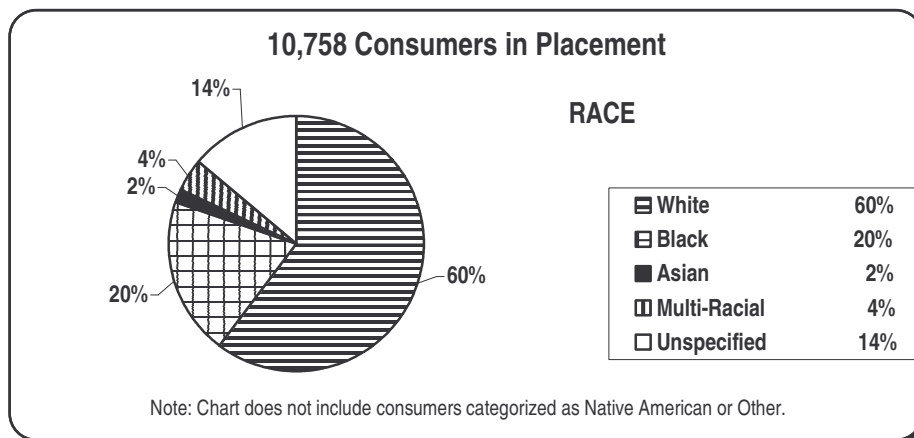
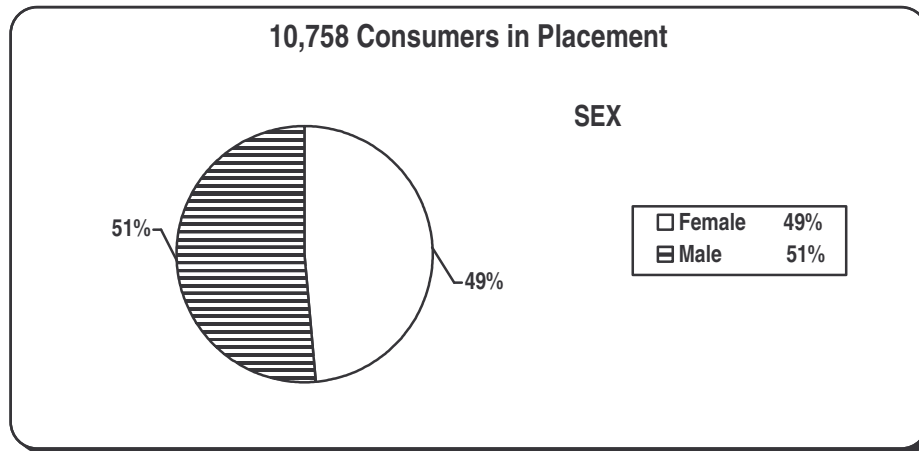
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⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE: FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL,
AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)**

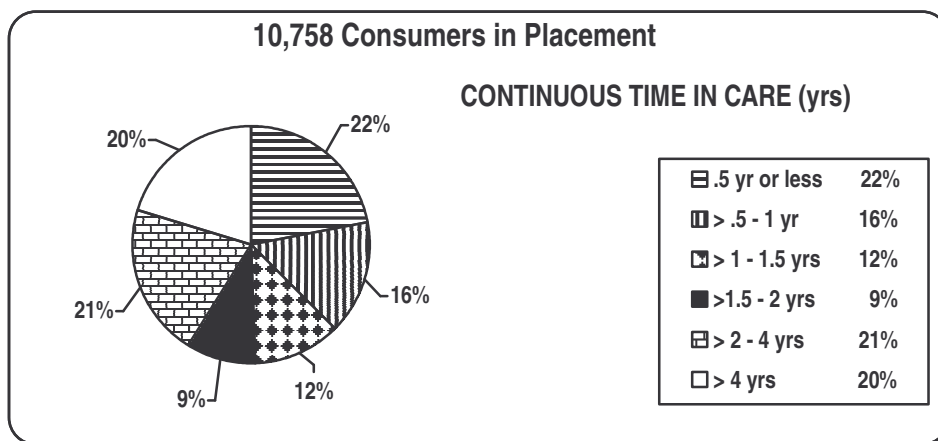
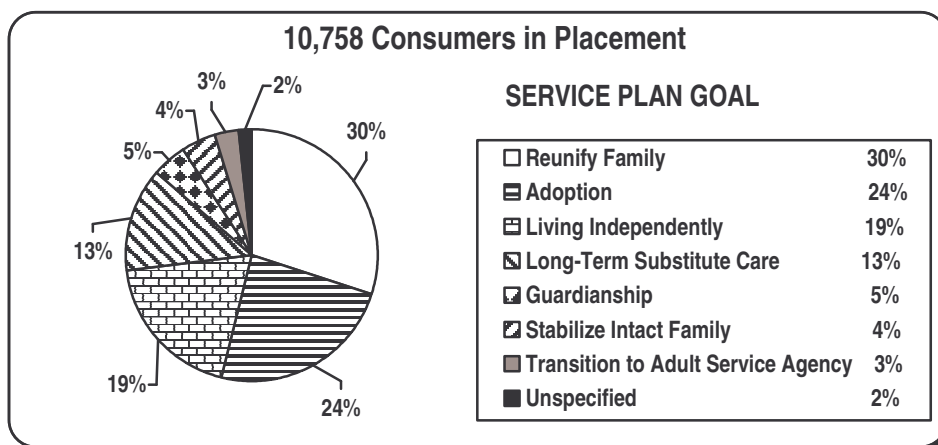
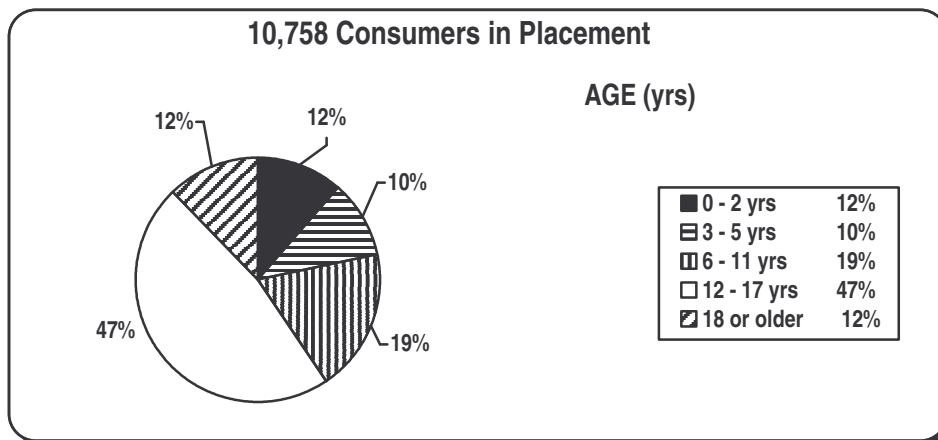


TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers														Total	
	Native															
	White		Black		Asian		American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
(.5 yr or less)	1,423	22%	441	21%	34	20%	8	26%	1	50%	107	24%	340	23%	2,354	22%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	1,025	16%	314	15%	19	11%	2	6%	---	---	80	18%	229	15%	1,669	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	810	13%	243	11%	16	10%	7	23%	---	---	59	13%	167	11%	1,302	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	608	9%	194	9%	19	11%	7	23%	---	---	42	10%	149	10%	1,019	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,343	21%	433	20%	35	21%	5	16%	1	50%	90	21%	329	22%	2,236	21%
> 4yrs	1,268	20%	520	24%	45	27%	2	6%	---	---	60	14%	283	19%	2,178	20%
Total	6,477	100%	2,145	100%	168	100%	31	100%	2	100%	438	100%	1,497	100%	10,758	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers						Total	
	Hispanic/			Not Hispanic/				
	Latino		Latino		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
(.5 yr or less)	557	21%	1,668	22%	129	26%	2,354	22%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	396	15%	1,178	15%	95	19%	1,669	16%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	270	10%	958	13%	74	15%	1,302	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	261	10%	712	9%	46	9%	1,019	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	580	22%	1,580	21%	76	15%	2,236	21%
> 4yrs	572	22%	1,523	20%	83	17%	2,178	20%
Total	2,636	100%	7,619	100%	503	100%	10,758	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total	
	Native															
	White		Black		Asian		American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	1,980	61%	577	18%	49	2%	11	*	---	---	157	5%	458	14%	3,232	100%
Adoption	1,566	61%	422	16%	20	1%	4	*	1	*	144	6%	406	16%	2,563	100%
Living Independently	1,199	58%	541	26%	48	2%	6	*	1	*	45	2%	219	11%	2,059	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	846	59%	301	21%	27	2%	3	*	---	---	47	3%	202	14%	1,426	100%
Guardianship	265	55%	114	24%	10	2%	5	*	---	---	15	3%	71	15%	480	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	315	63%	82	16%	8	2%	1	*	---	---	20	4%	78	15%	504	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	218	67%	67	21%	3	1%	---	---	---	---	5	2%	33	10%	326	100%
Unspecified	88	52%	41	24%	3	2%	1	*	---	---	5	3%	30	18%	168	100%
Total	6,477	60%	2,145	20%	168	2%	31	*	2	*	438	4%	1,497	14%	10,758	100%

(1) Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers						Total	
	Hispanic/		Not Hispanic/		Unspecified			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	762	24%	2,313	72%	157	5%	3,232	100%
Adoption	711	28%	1,705	67%	147	6%	2,563	100%
Living Independently	413	20%	1,563	76%	83	4%	2,059	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	392	27%	981	69%	53	4%	1,426	100%
Guardianship	99	21%	354	74%	27	6%	480	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	150	30%	338	67%	16	3%	504	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	67	21%	256	79%	3	1%	326	100%
Unspecified	42	25%	109	65%	17	10%	168	100%
Total	2,636	25%	7,619	71%	503	5%	10,758	100%

(1) Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic/Latino origin.

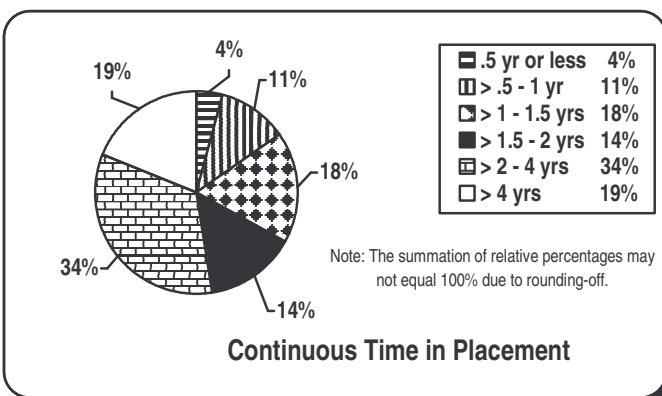
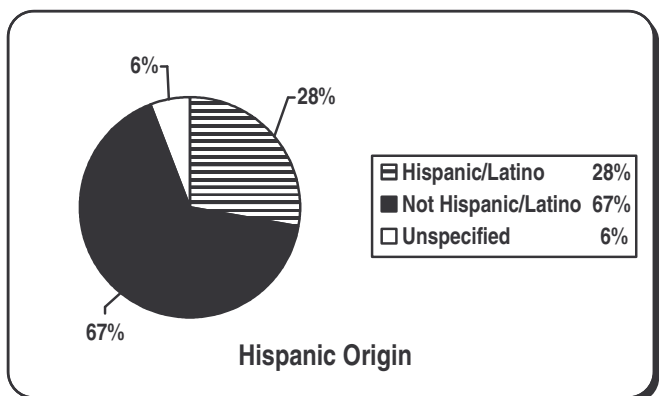
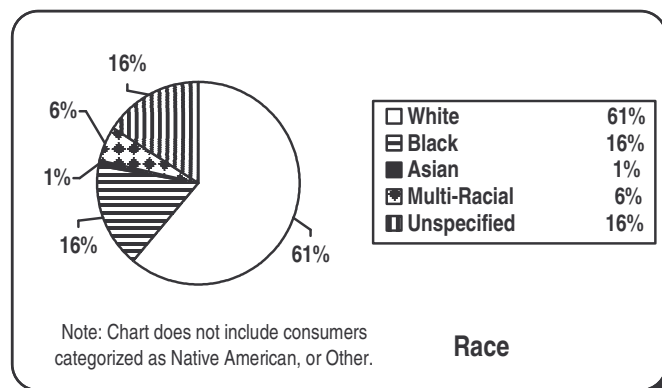
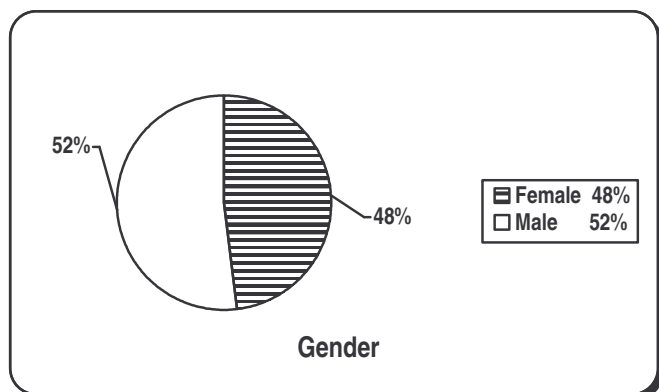
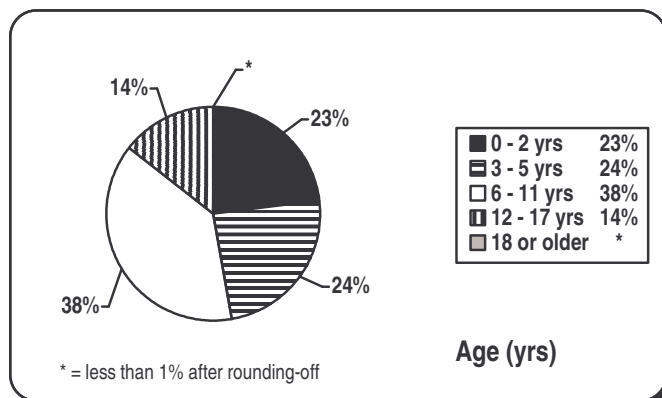
TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	500	15%	376	12%	678	21%	1,661	51%	17	*	3,232	100%
Adoption	593	23%	616	24%	984	38%	367	14%	3	*	2,563	100%
Living Independently	---	---	---	---	---	---	1,042	51%	1,017	49%	2,059	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	3	*	3	*	142	10%	1,226	86%	52	4%	1,426	100%
Guardianship	23	6%	35	9%	145	36%	271	66%	6	1%	408	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	66	13%	37	7%	73	14%	310	62%	18	4%	504	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	---	---	---	---	10	3%	126	39%	190	58%	326	100%
Unspecified	54	32%	14	8%	18	11%	78	46%	4	2%	168	100%
Total	1,239	12%	1,081	10%	2,050	19%	5,081	47%	1,307	12%	10,758	100%

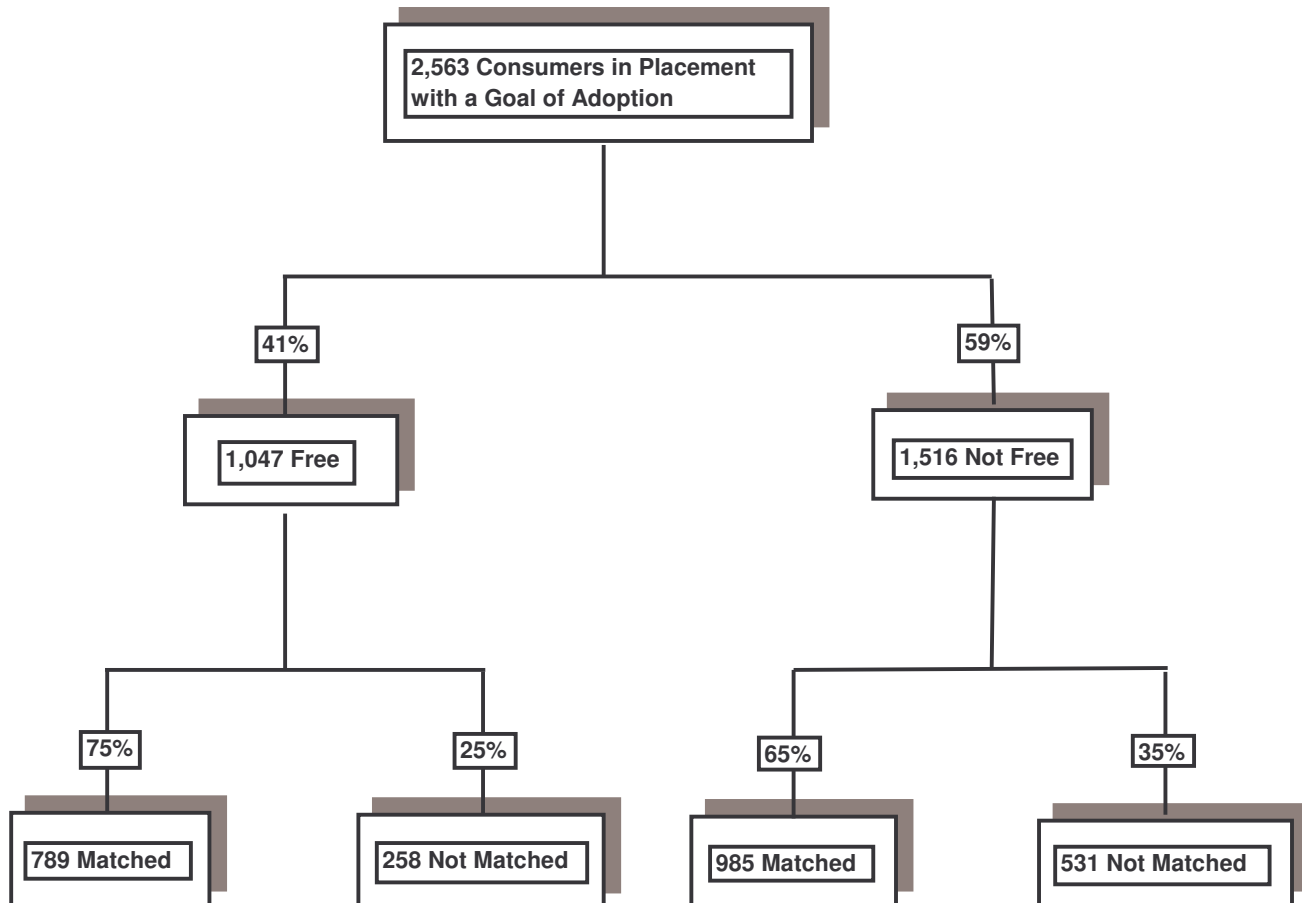
**TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement												Total	
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs]		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)		> 4 yrs			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	1,413	44%	970	30%	420	13%	229	7%	164	5%	36	1%	3,232	100%
Adoption	110	4%	285	11%	451	18%	370	14%	862	34%	485	19%	2,563	100%
Living Independently	146	7%	148	7%	189	9%	170	8%	595	29%	811	39%	2,059	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	89	6%	128	9%	121	8%	133	9%	408	29%	547	38%	1,426	100%
Guardianship	32	7%	61	13%	72	15%	96	20%	131	27%	88	18%	480	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	389	77%	58	12%	17	3%	13	3%	20	4%	7	1%	504	100%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	12	4%	17	5%	29	9%	8	2%	56	17%	204	63%	326	100%
Unspecified	163	97%	2	1%	3	2%	---	---	---	---	---	---	168	100%
Total	2,354	22%	1,669	16%	1,302	12%	1,019	9%	2,236	21%	2,178	20%	10,758	100%

**Figure 12A. Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Continuous Time in Placement
of Consumers with a Goal of Adoption
FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)**



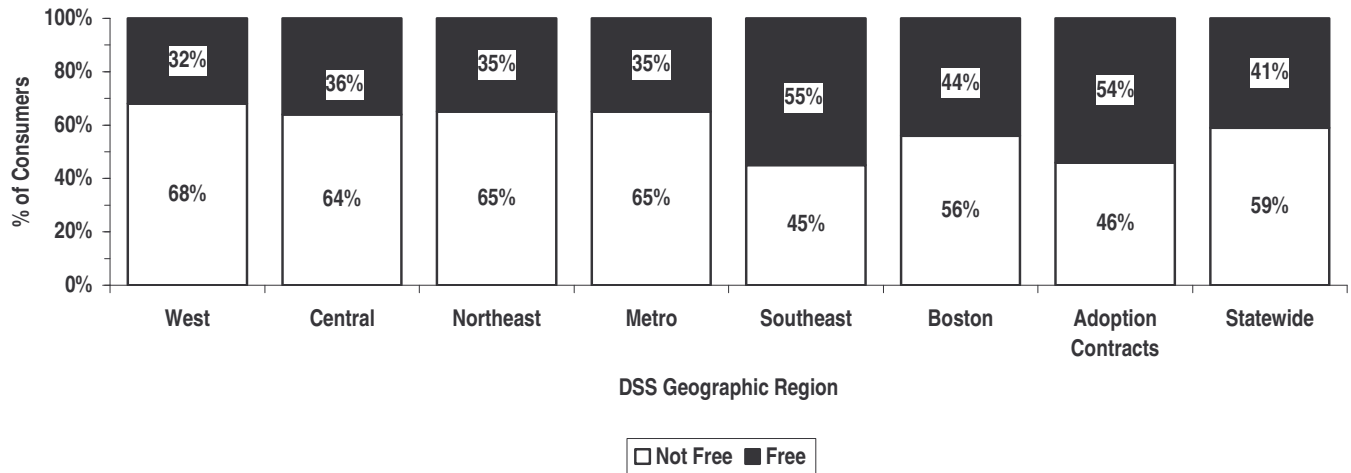
**Figure 12B. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption:
Legal Status and Match Status
FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)**



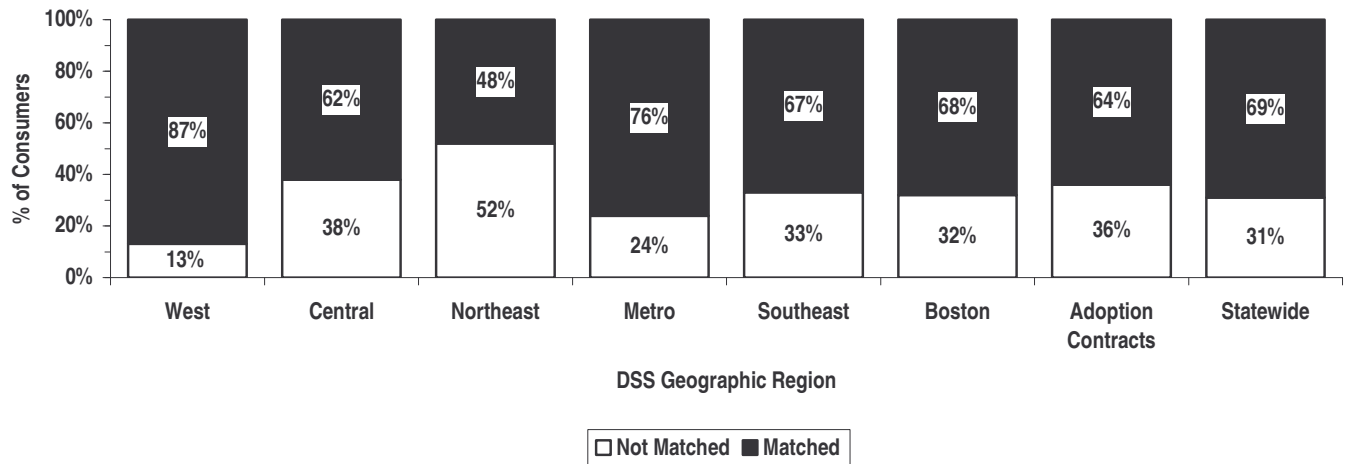
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Freed Status
FY'06, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)**



**FIGURE 12D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption
and Whether Matched to a Permanent Family
FY'06, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05)**



Case Intakes (Openings)

- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006, there were 3,797 case openings (unduplicated) and 15,421 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DSS. Consumers who entered the DSS system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- Eighty-two percent of case intakes and 86% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 8% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- CHINS referrals amounted to 8% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. **(Tables 9A and 9B)**
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 78-85% of the total intakes for each region. The Boston Region had the largest proportion of CHINS referrals (13%). Voluntary requests were most significant (12%) in the Metro Region. **(Fig. 13, Table 9A)**
- The regional counts of CHINS referrals ranged from 17 (Metro) to 74 (Southeast) cases. Voluntary requests were highest in Metro (75 case openings). Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the Southeast and West. The Southeast and West had the highest numbers of supported investigations during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006 (See Table 14 on page 49). **(Table 9A)**
- Statewide and regionally, case openings are lowest in the 1st quarter. **(Fig. 14)**. This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1st quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year **(Figs. 20 and 21 on page 51)**.

TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/05 - 12/31/05)

DSS Geographic Region	Case Counts ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Supported		CHINS		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
	CA/N Reports		Referrals		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	642	85%	62	8%	35	5%	12	2%	3	*	754
Central	411	82%	35	7%	43	9%	10	2%	2	*	501
Northeast	538	85%	41	6%	44	7%	9	1%	1	*	633
Metro	500	83%	17	3%	75	12%	12	2%	---	---	604
Southeast	696	80%	74	9%	60	7%	36	4%	---	---	866
Boston	365	78%	59	13%	41	9%	5	1%	---	---	470
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	2	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2
Total	3,154	82%	288	8%	298	8%	84	2%	6	*	3,830

⁽¹⁾ Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is 3,797.

⁽²⁾ Examples are a court order to provide services or a request on behalf of a consumer by another agency.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/05 - 12/31/05)

DSS Geographic Region	Consumer Counts ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Western	2,816	90%	175	6%	108	3%	37	1%	7	*	3,143
Central	1,824	85%	120	6%	164	8%	29	1%	11	*	2,148
Northeast	2,336	89%	134	5%	116	4%	34	1%	1	*	2,621
Metro	2,057	85%	59	2%	255	11%	37	2%	---	---	2,408
Southeast	2,828	83%	281	8%	192	6%	126	4%	---	---	3,427
Boston	1,484	82%	167	9%	131	7%	21	1%	---	---	1,803
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	3	100%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3
Total	13,348	86%	936	6%	966	6%	284	2%	19	*	15,553

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

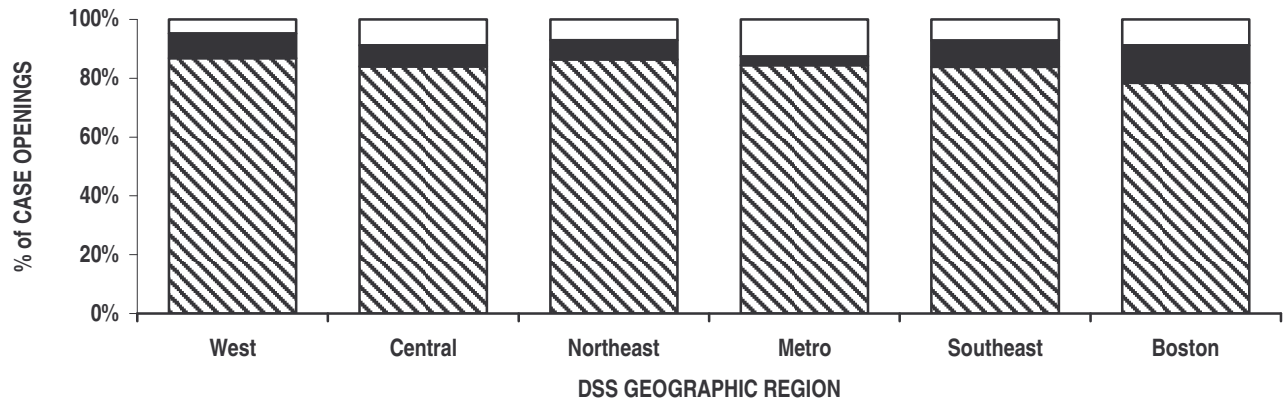
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is 15,421.

⁽²⁾ Examples are a court order to provide services or a request on behalf of a consumer by another agency.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

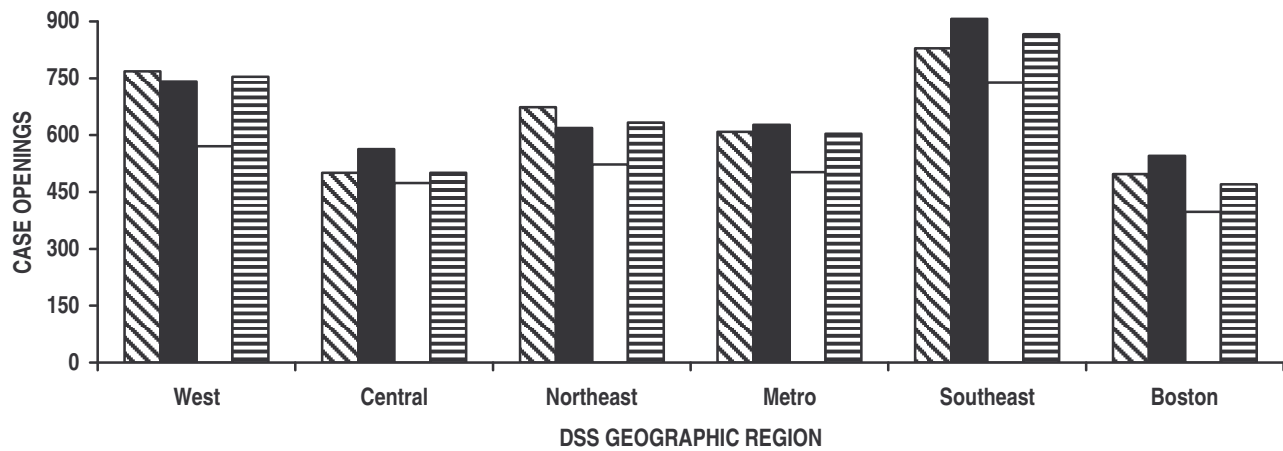
**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DSS REGION
FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/05 - 12/31/05)**



Note: Chart does not include intakes categorized as Other and Unspecified.

Supported CA/N Reports CHINS Referrals Voluntary Request

**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER)**



1/1/05 - 3/31/05 4/1/05 - 6/30/05 7/1/05 - 9/30/05 10/1/05 - 12/31/05

Consumers with Placements Starting or Ending during the Quarter

- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006, 4,201 consumers started at least one placement and 2,191 consumers left at least one placement.¹² These counts of placement dynamics are not the same as consumer entries and exits to placement since they include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. **(Tables 10 and 11)**
- By the end of the 1st Quarter of FY'2006, there was an abrupt rise¹³ in “new or other service referral for placement” (121%), “re-entrants to placement” (46%), “re-entrants to residential care” (116%), and “re-entrants to foster care” (22%). This rise in re-entries subsided by the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006 as “new or other service referral for placement” dropped -9%, “re-entrants to placement” decreased -16%, “re-entrants to residential care” fell -32%, and “re-entrants to foster care” declined -5%. The abrupt rise and fall was related to the ending of the Commonworks residential care program during the 1st Quarter of FY'2006 (See DSS Quarterly report, FY'2006, 1st Quarter). It should be noted that Commonworks children may not have experienced a change of location. A new service referral for placement could have been an administrative change, i.e., the child remained with the same provider.
- The West was the only region where the number of re-entrants to placement continued to increase (+18%)—681 during the 1st quarter and 806 in the 2nd quarter. There was a 24% increase in re-entrants to foster care and a 10% increase in re-entrants to residential care. It should be noted that the West was the only region with a significant increase in the number of “new or other service referral for placement”—58% (211 in Q1 and 334 in Q2).
- Of those consumers who started a placement setting during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006, 25% were first-time entrants and 75% were re-entrants.¹⁴ The re-entrant total includes consumers going from a home to a placement location and consumers changing placements.¹⁵ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 23% in the West to 35% in Central. **(Table 10, Fig. 15)**
- The largest influx to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) occurred in the West (25% of statewide entrants). **(Table 10)**
- Across the state, 62% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 31% were placed in residential care, and 7% were placed in non-referral locations.¹⁶ **(Table 10)**

¹² For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and exit were selected.

¹³ See page 37 in the DSS Quarterly Report, FY'2006, 1st Quarter.

¹⁴ Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

¹⁵ Changing providers.

¹⁶ Non-referral locations include hospitals and other state agencies.

- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-five percent of first-time entrants and 58% of re-entrants were placed in foster homes. Conversely, 34% of re-entrants and 22% of first-time entrants were placed in residential care. **(Table 10)**
- Compared to other regions, Metro placed a much higher proportion of both first-time entrants (40%) and re-entrants (60%) into residential care. **(Table 10, Fig. 16)**
- Metro was the only region where the number of re-entrants going into residential care (305) was greater than the number of re-entrants going into foster care (182). Statewide, 1,072 re-entrants were placed in residential care and 1,818 re-entrants were placed in foster care. **(Table 10)**
- Statewide, 24% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 19% in Boston to 35% in the Northeast. **(Table 11)**
- Excluding consumers changing placements from the list of consumers with placements ending during the quarter, leaves 874 consumers who actually left placement. Sixty-one percent of the 874 consumers leaving placement were returned home. **(Table 11)**

TABLE 10. CONSUMERS STARTING PLACEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/05 - 12/31/05)

Entry Placement Type Location Started	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
First-Time Entrants:	243	134	177	163	227	103	---	10	1,057
Foster Care	196	100	134	92	188	74	---	5	789
Residential	37	28	39	66	32	23	---	5	230
Non-Referral Location ⁽³⁾	10	6	4	5	7	6	---	---	38
Re-Entrants:	806	252	468	505	520	275	31	287	3,144
Foster Care	558	156	282	182	323	127	29	161	1,818
Residential	202	70	145	305	156	93	1	100	1,072
Non-Referral Location ⁽³⁾	46	26	41	18	41	55	1	26	254
Total	1,049	386	645	668	747	378	31	297	4,201

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

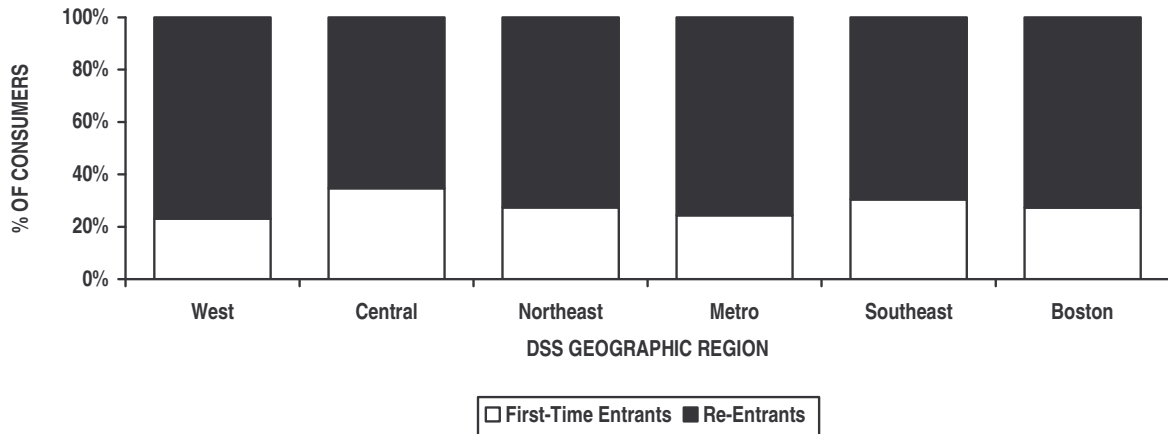
TABLE 11. CONSUMERS ENDING PLACEMENTS DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/05 - 12/31/05)

Reason Placement Ended	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
New or Other Service Referral for Placement	334	114	132	163	112	162	12	114	1,143
Child Returned Home	108	73	110	90	82	58	---	12	533
Placement in Non-Referral Location	20	24	18	15	19	20	---	12	128
Consumer Adopted	18	10	9	8	19	13	8	6	91
Child on the Run	20	9	12	3	12	21	---	11	88
Child 18 or Older	11	5	12	11	10	9	---	3	61
Guardianship	5	2	---	---	---	2	---	41	50
New Sub-Contract Referral for Placement	8	3	9	1	9	8	1	7	46
Custody to Other Individual	11	7	4	6	6	9	---	---	43
Custody to Other Agency	1	---	4	1	---	1	---	---	7
Consumer Deceased	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Total	536	248	310	298	269	303	21	206	2,191

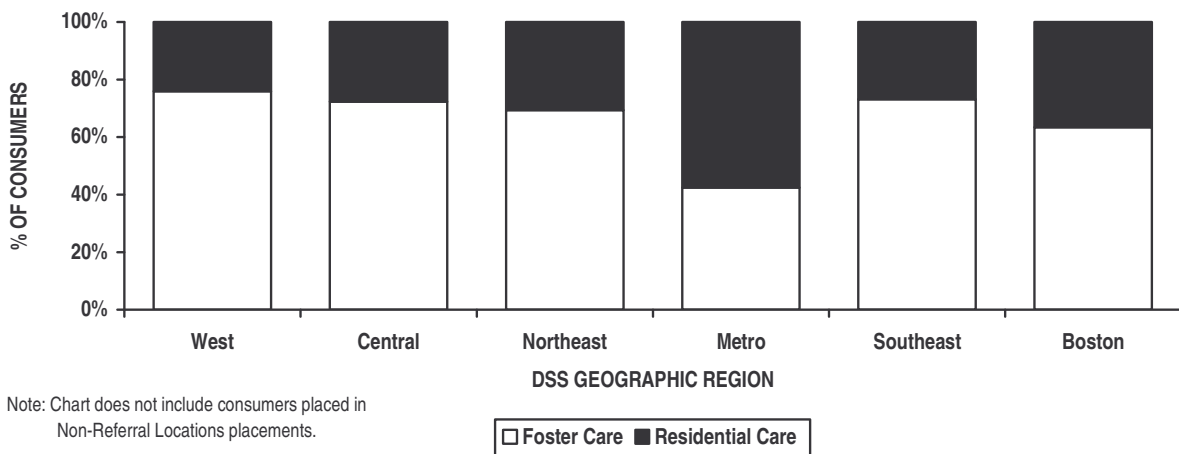
⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS WITH PLACEMENTS STARTING
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/05 - 12/31/05)**

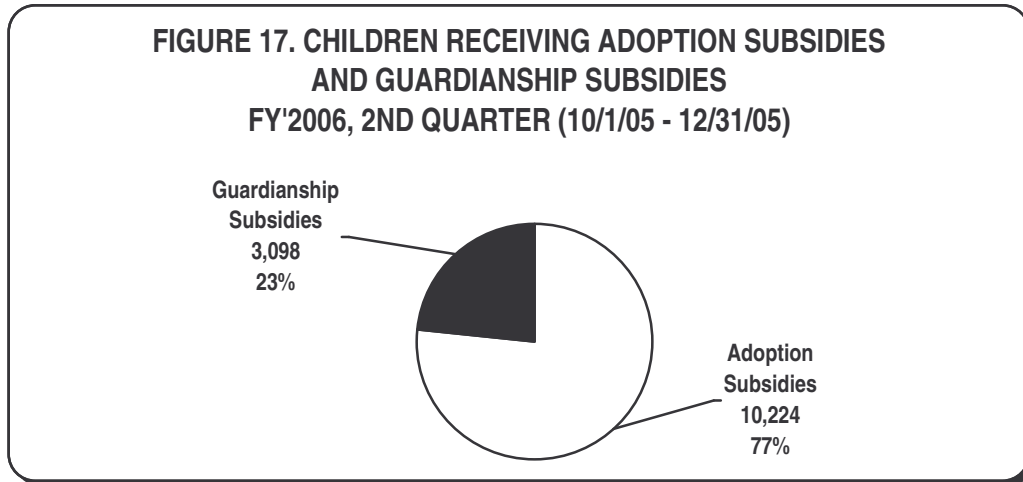


**FIGURE 16. CONSUMERS WITH FOSTER AND RESIDENTIAL CARE PLACEMENTS
STARTING DURING THE QUARTER
FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/05 - 12/31/05)**



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,224. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,098. (**Fig. 17**)



From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006, adoption and guardianship subsidies both increased 1%. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies increase around 1-3%. The decline in subsidies from the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2003 is deceptive. It resulted from a mass cleanup of cases rather than a true reduction. (See table below)

	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
Quarter	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2003 1 st	9,696	1%	2,921	-1%
2 nd	9,240	-5%	2,738	-6%
3 rd	9,328	1%	2,779	1%
4 th	9,470	2%	2,838	2%
FY'2004 1 st	9,605	1%	2,839	*
2 nd	9,616	*	2,866	1%
3 rd	9,712	1%	2,944	3%
4 th	9,859	2%	2,996	2%
FY'2005 1 st	9,954	1%	3,002	*
2 nd	10,081	1%	3,081	3%
3 rd	10,002	-1%	3,050	-1%
4 th	10,146	1%	3,083	1%
FY'2006 1 st	10,113	*	3,073	*
2 nd	10,224	1%	3,098	1%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes¹⁷

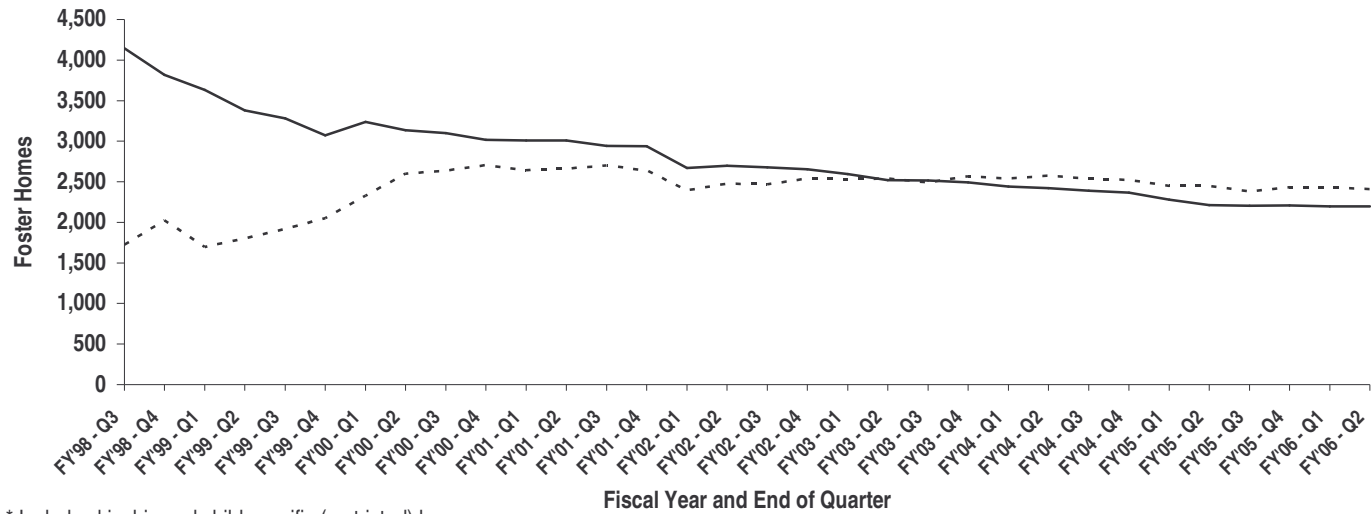
- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006, there were 4,607 foster homes. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes¹⁸ as well as unrestricted homes.¹⁹ Unrestricted foster homes accounted for 48% (2,196) of the foster home total while restricted foster homes amounted to 52% (2,411). **(Table 12A)**
- From the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 to 2nd Quarter of FY'2006, restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually increased from 29% to 52%. **(See graph on next page)**
- Statewide, 79% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 61% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Statewide, 74% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 52% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Thirteen percent (602) of all foster homes were identified as Black (335 restricted and 267 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Fifteen percent (707) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (361 restricted and 346 unrestricted). **(Table 12B)**

¹⁷ Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care/custody of DSS. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

¹⁸ Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DSS places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

¹⁹ Unrestricted placements are those where DSS places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES* **End of 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 (3/31/98) to End of 2nd Quarter of FY'2006 (12/31/05)**



* Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

— Unrestricted - - - - - Restricted

TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05) ⁽¹⁾

DSS Geographic Region															Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
Provider	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston							
Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Restricted:	484		305		409		325		619		238		31		2,411			
White	389	80%	238	78%	301	74%	267	82%	493	80%	88	37%	18	58%	1,794	74%		
Black	56	12%	20	7%	26	6%	27	8%	77	12%	119	50%	10	32%	335	14%		
Asian	---	---	2	1%	19	5%	1	*	2	*	2	1%	---	---	26	1%		
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	7	1%	---	---	1	3%	8	*		
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	2	*		
Multi-Racial	6	1%	1	*	6	1%	1	*	2	*	3	1%	---	---	19	1%		
Unspecified	33	7%	44	14%	56	14%	29	9%	38	6%	25	11%	2	6%	227	9%		
Unrestricted:	508		331		314		278		492		174		99		2,196			
White	395	78%	297	90%	254	81%	238	86%	418	85%	48	28%	91	92%	1,741	79%		
Black	70	14%	18	5%	8	3%	30	11%	35	7%	101	58%	5	5%	267	12%		
Asian	---	---	---	---	11	4%	---	---	2	*	1	1%	---	---	14	1%		
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	1%	---	---	---	---	5	*		
Multi-Racial	38	7%	1	*	5	2%	1	*	2	*	1	1%	---	---	48	2%		
Unspecified	5	1%	15	5%	36	11%	9	3%	30	6%	23	13%	3	3%	121	6%		
Total	992		636		723		603		1,111		412		130		4,607			

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	484		305		409		325		619		238		31		2,411	
Hispanic/Latino	110	23%	52	17%	90	22%	32	10%	34	5%	39	16%	4	13%	361	15%
Not Hispanic/Latino	357	74%	239	78%	296	72%	275	85%	557	90%	184	77%	25	81%	1,933	80%
Unspecified	17	4%	14	5%	23	6%	18	6%	28	5%	15	6%	2	6%	117	5%
Unrestricted:	508		331		314		278		492		174		99		2,196	
Hispanic/Latino	123	24%	35	11%	79	25%	20	7%	48	10%	35	20%	6	6%	346	16%
Not Hispanic/Latino	384	76%	292	88%	228	73%	254	91%	430	87%	138	79%	93	94%	1,819	83%
Unspecified	1	*	4	1%	7	2%	4	1%	14	3%	1	1%	---	---	31	1%
Total	992		636		723		603		1,111		412		130		4,607	

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DSS REGION: FY'2006, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/05) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region										Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Restricted:	484		305		409		325		619		238		31	
Married	252	52%	169	55%	220	54%	165	51%	345	56%	83	35%	19	61%
Single	118	24%	81	27%	111	27%	92	28%	146	24%	109	46%	9	29%
Divorced	68	14%	36	12%	39	10%	43	13%	68	11%	24	10%	1	3%
Separated	23	5%	12	4%	21	5%	6	2%	26	4%	16	7%	2	6%
Widowed	19	4%	6	2%	13	3%	14	4%	26	4%	5	2%	---	---
Unrestricted:	508		331		314		278		492		174		99	
Married	306	60%	244	74%	176	56%	154	55%	328	67%	51	29%	72	73%
Single	89	18%	45	14%	82	26%	77	28%	76	15%	81	47%	23	23%
Divorced	69	14%	32	10%	30	10%	31	11%	53	11%	22	13%	4	4%
Widowed	23	5%	3	1%	12	4%	12	4%	24	5%	8	5%	---	---
Separated	21	4%	7	2%	13	4%	4	1%	11	2%	11	6%	---	---
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	1%	---	---
Total	992		636		723		603		1,111		412		130	
														4,607

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

Reports

- Statewide, 17,287 reports were recorded during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006. Sixty-three percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Seven percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,284) and Southeast (2,643). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 3,689 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 54% in the West to 68% in the Northeast. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 71%. **(Table 13 and Fig. 18)**
- The DSS Regions screened-in 2-3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 21% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports rose 3% from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006. Increases ranged from 1% in both Central and the Southeast to 21% in the Northeast. Typically, report counts drop during the summer quarter (Q1) then climb during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20)**

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006 was 9,809.²⁰ Fifty-six percent of the investigations resulted in a supported finding. **(Table 14)**
- The Southeast conducted more investigations (1,917) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 51% in the Northeast to a high of 59% in the West. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 75% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**

²⁰ The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

- The Northeastern (68%) and Boston (63%) Regions had the highest screen-in rates. They also had the lowest support rates, 51% and 52%, respectively. Conversely, the Western Region had the lowest screen-in rate (54%) and the highest support rate (59%). **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**
- Statewide, investigations increased 9% from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006. The statewide rise in investigations was a reflection of what was occurring in each of the DSS Regions (gains ranging from 4% in the Southeast to 26% in the Northeast). **(Fig. 21)**

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/05 - 12/31/05)

DSS Geographic Region	Screening Decision						Total	
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
			Non-Emergency		Emergency		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
West	1,498	46%	1,721	52%	65	2%	3,284	19%
Central	905	43%	1,147	55%	37	2%	2,089	12%
Northeast	721	32%	1,505	66%	44	2%	2,270	13%
Metro	700	40%	1,016	58%	29	2%	1,745	10%
Southeast	1,027	39%	1,546	58%	70	3%	2,643	15%
Boston	566	37%	950	61%	31	2%	1,547	9%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,095	30%	1,723	47%	871	24%	3,689	21%
Special Investigations	8	40%	11	55%	1	5%	20	*
Total	6,520	38%	9,619	56%	1,148	7%	17,287	100%

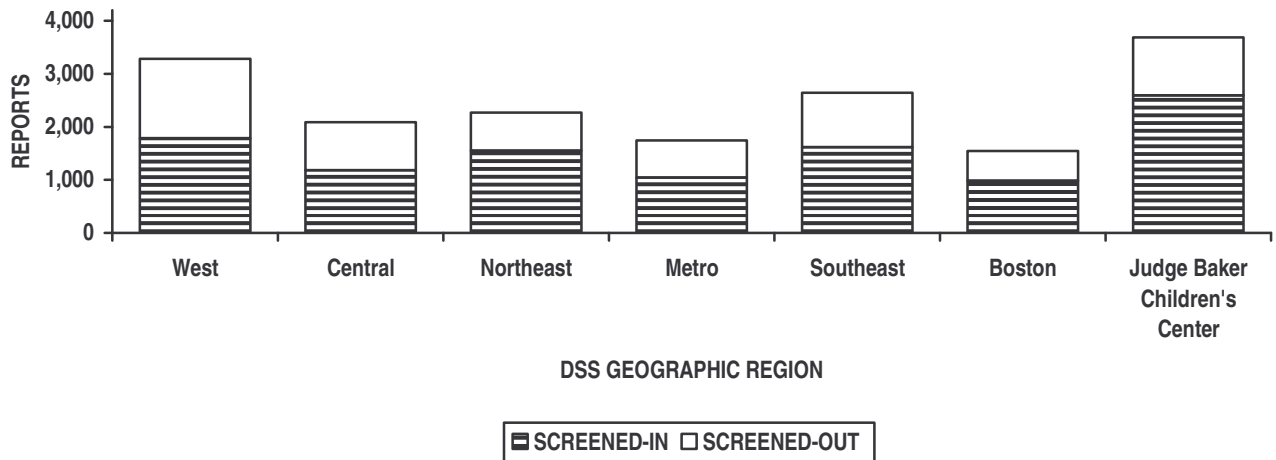
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TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION: FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/05 - 12/31/05)

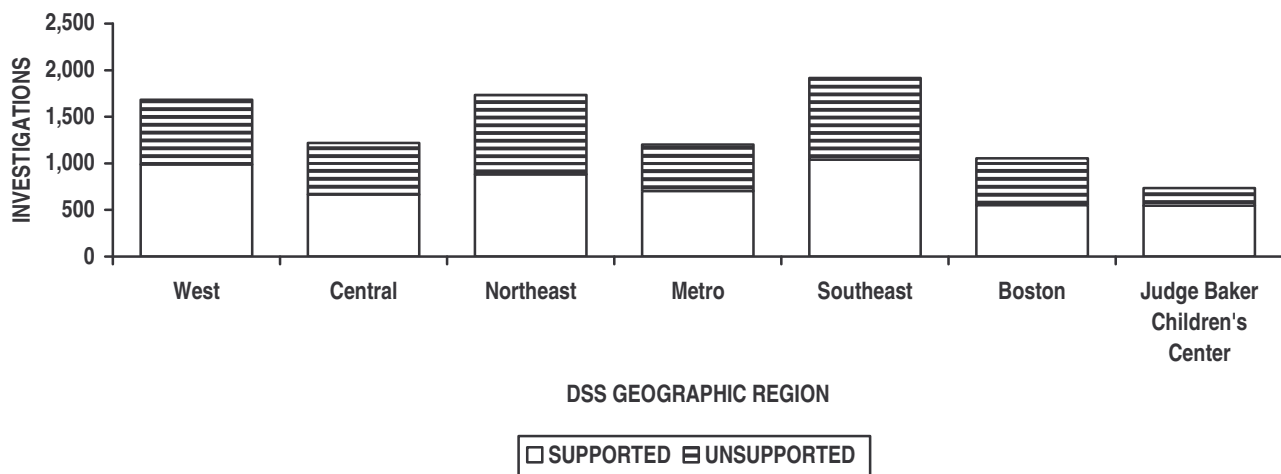
DSS Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	988	59%	693	41%	1,681	17%
Central	667	55%	553	45%	1,220	12%
Northeast	883	51%	850	49%	1,733	18%
Metro	703	58%	500	42%	1,203	12%
Southeast	1,041	54%	876	46%	1,917	20%
Boston	552	52%	503	48%	1,055	11%
Judge Baker Children's Center	547	75%	187	25%	734	7%
Special Investigations	84	32%	182	68%	266	3%
Total	5,465	56%	4,344	44%	9,809	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

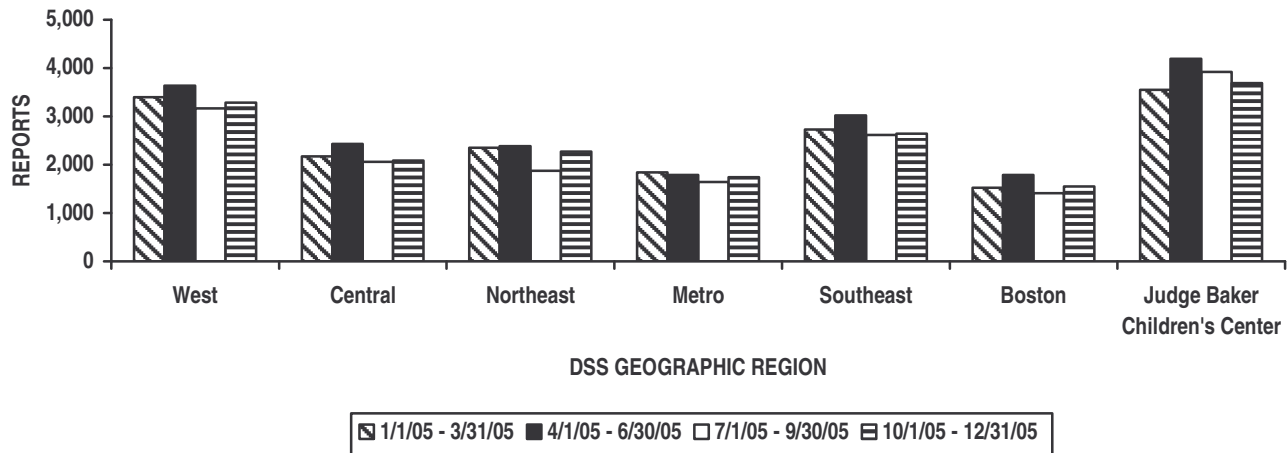
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DSS REGION)
FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/05 - 12/31/05)**



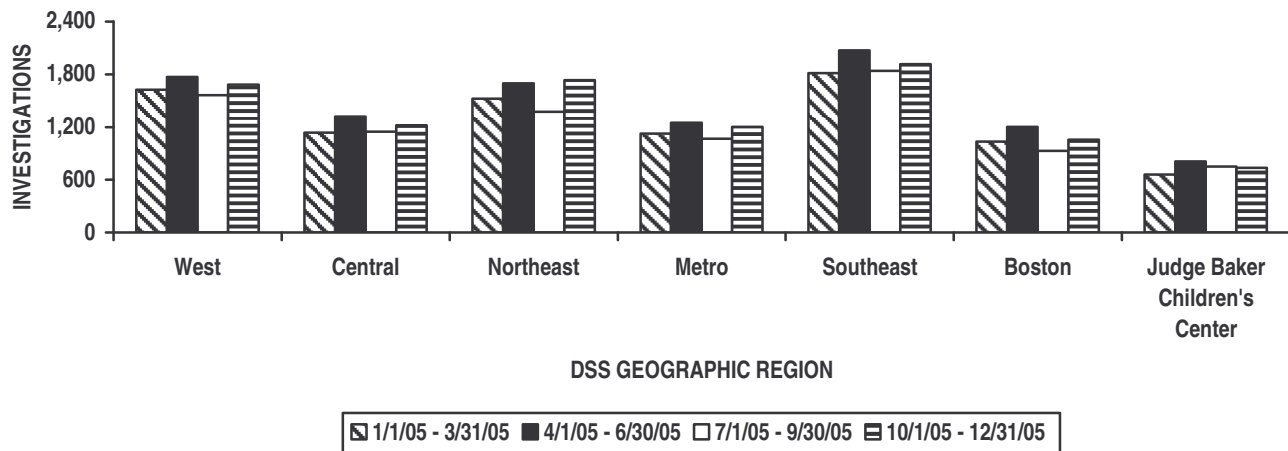
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DSS REGION)
FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/05 - 12/31/05)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2005, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER)**



DA Referrals

- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006, 1,168 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Forty-four percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals²¹ and 56% were discretionary referrals²² (**Fig. 22**). There was a 6% increase in case referrals compared to the previous quarter.

Case Referrals*

Date	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	380	43%	504	57%	884
FY'01, Q4	435	48%	468	52%	903
FY'02, Q1	341	46%	403	54%	744
FY'02, Q2	421	45%	507	55%	928
FY'02, Q3	443	42%	614	58%	1,057
FY'02, Q4	494	45%	616	55%	1,110
FY'03, Q1	477	46%	555	54%	1,032
FY'03, Q2	488	48%	530	52%	1,018
FY'03, Q3	525	46%	611	54%	1,136
FY'03, Q4	599	49%	614	51%	1,213
FY'04, Q1	527	52%	489	48%	1,016
FY'04, Q2	489	45%	586	55%	1,075
FY'04, Q3	527	45%	655	55%	1,182
FY'04, Q4	558	45%	669	55%	1,227
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018
FY'05, Q2	500	45%	603	55%	1,103
FY'05, Q3	575	47%	637	53%	1,212
FY'05, Q4	547	44%	701	56%	1,248
FY'06, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'06, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168

* DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 81% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals²³ during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2006 (**Fig. 23, Table 15** on following pages). Nineteen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

²¹ Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DSS investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

²² There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DSS may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DSS may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

²³ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason.**

- Table 16 (on page 55) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and county. In general, the number of referrals was directly related to the population size²⁴ for the county. Referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Essex, Middlesex, Worcester, and Suffolk. Based on a comparison of county population estimates, Hampden County (encompassing city of Springfield) had a higher number of referrals than expected. Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected.

Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

Date	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death ²⁵		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'01, Q3	303	75%	91	23%	8	2%	402
FY'01, Q4	346	77%	102	23%	3	1%	451
FY'02, Q1	295	83%	57	16%	5	1%	357
FY'02, Q2	329	75%	107	24%	5	1%	441
FY'02, Q3	361	78%	90	20%	9	2%	460
FY'02, Q4	398	78%	111	22%	3	1%	512
FY'03, Q1	409	82%	84	17%	8	2%	501
FY'03, Q2	412	82%	88	18%	--	--	500
FY'03, Q3	412	76%	123	23%	6	1%	541
FY'03, Q4	455	73%	166	27%	5	1%	626
FY'04, Q1	459	83%	87	16%	9	2%	555
FY'04, Q2	385	76%	114	23%	5	1%	504
FY'04, Q3	414	76%	127	23%	6	1%	547
FY'04, Q4	455	78%	122	21%	6	1%	583
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513
FY'05, Q2	398	77%	113	22%	5	1%	516
FY'05, Q3	461	79%	124	21%	2	*	587
FY'05, Q4	444	78%	122	21%	2	*	568
FY'06, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'06, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

²⁴ County population estimates for 2004 (<http://www.census.gov/popest/counties/tables/CO-EST2004-01-25.XLS>).

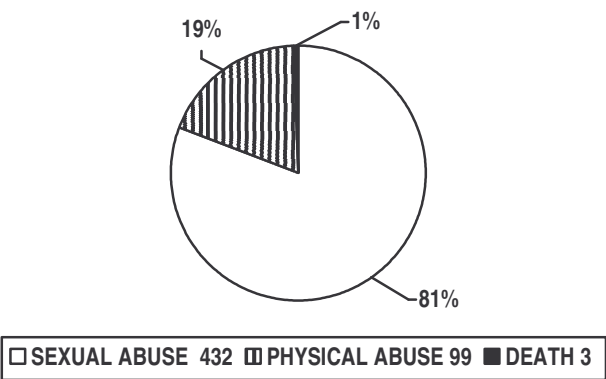
²⁵ Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. DSS publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.

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FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)



FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

**TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS:
FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/05 - 12/31/05)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	432	81%
Sexual Assault	395	
Sexual Exploitation	37	
.....		
Serious Physical Abuse:	99	19%
.....		
Death:	3	1%
.....		
Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	534	100%

TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY ⁽¹⁾: FY'2006, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/05 - 12/31/05)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.
	Discretionary		Mandatory		
	No.	%	No.	%	
Essex	154	51%	148	49%	302
Middlesex	114	66%	59	34%	173
Worcester	83	56%	64	44%	147
Suffolk	83	58%	59	42%	142
Hampden	50	49%	52	51%	102
Plymouth	46	69%	21	31%	67
Bristol	20	34%	38	66%	58
Norfolk	35	64%	20	36%	55
Berkshire	21	45%	26	55%	47
Hampshire	26	90%	3	10%	29
Barnstable	15	65%	8	35%	23
Franklin	4	36%	7	64%	11
Dukes	1	100%	---	---	1
OUT OF STATE	7	64%	4	36%	11
Total	659	56%	509	44%	1,168

⁽¹⁾ DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.